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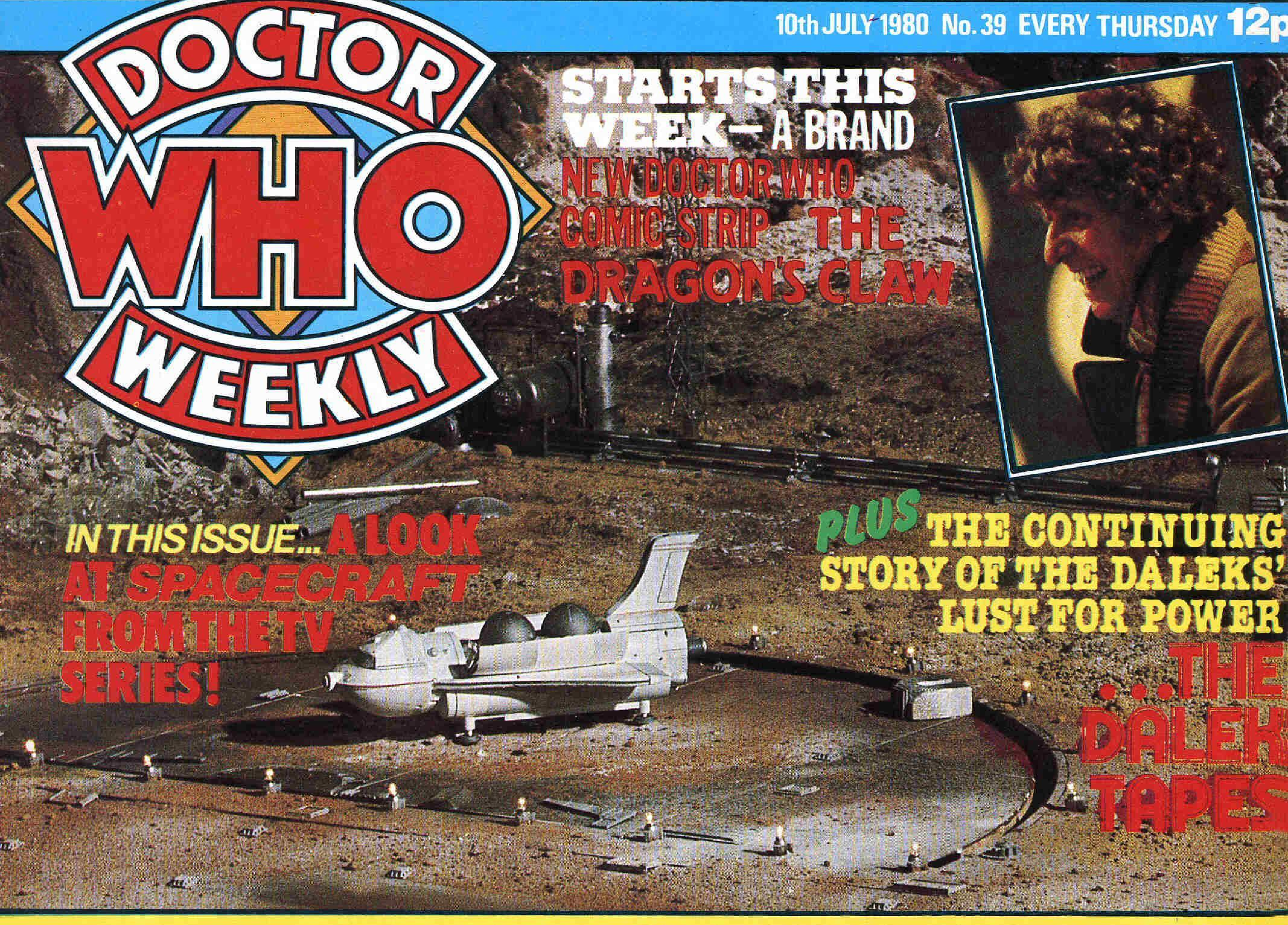

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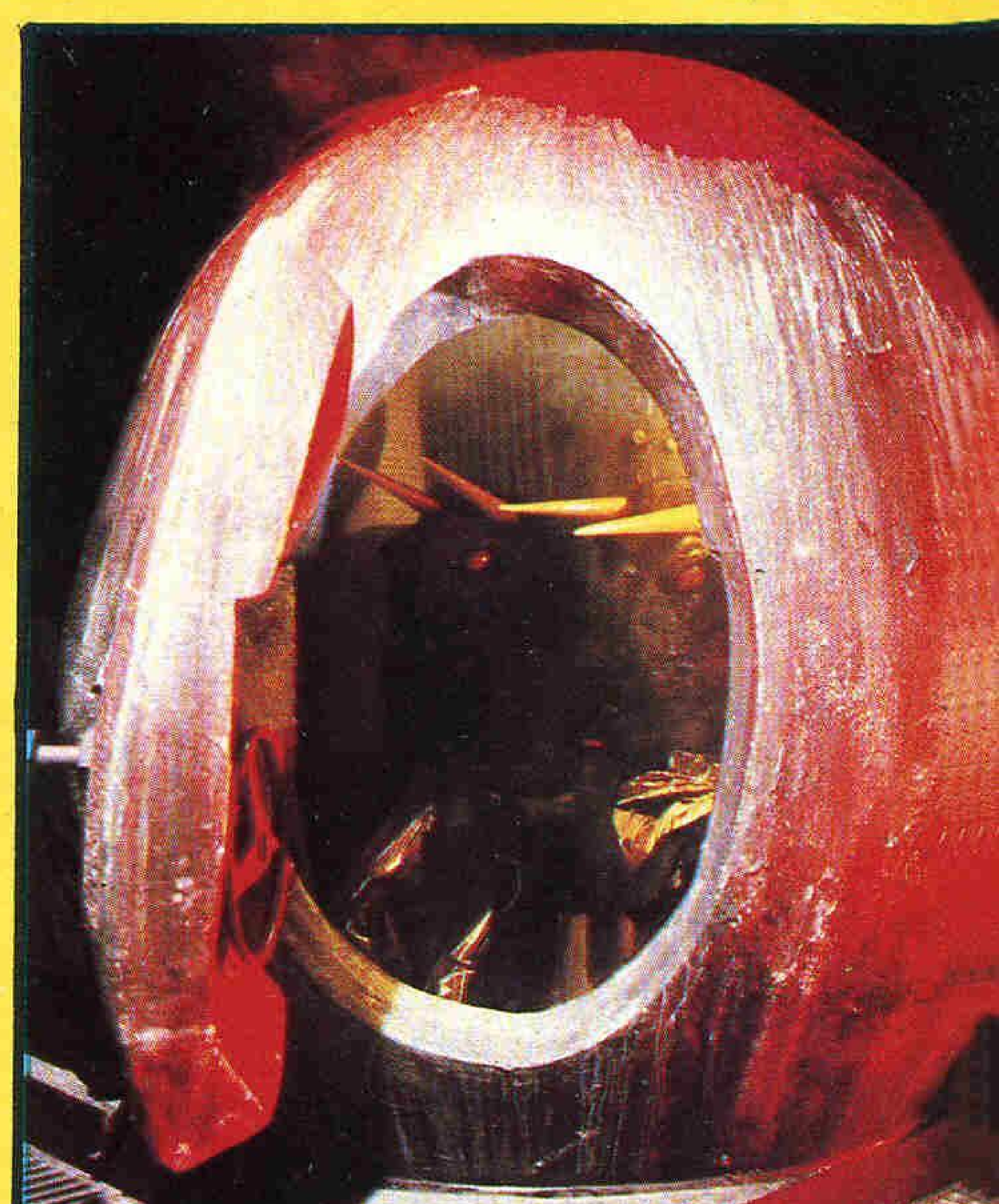

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Welcome to another splendid issue of fact, fun and fantastic comic-strip adventures! It's all happening this week! The Daleks face extermination at the hands of a lethal, radioactive rust cloud while I'm about to be flung into a brand new adventure set in the mysterious, faraway regions of the East China sea!

There are space-craft galore in this week's pictorial feature on some of the star-ships from my TV series!

With all the news, fantastic facts, thrills and adventures, it's quite an issue, but then you'll see that for yourself.

Have fun,
Happy times and places,

The Doctor

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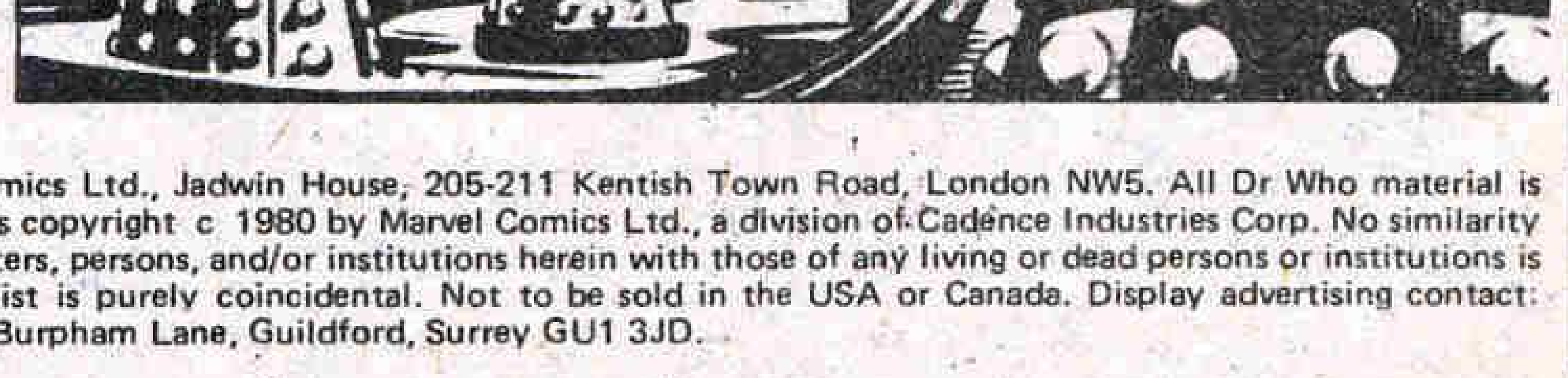

IS THE ENTIRE DALEK RACE DOOMED TO A HIDEOUS PAINFUL DEATH AT THE DEADLY HANDS OF A RADIOACTIVE RUST CLOUD?

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DOCTOR WHO
DRAGON'S CLAW
IT IS 1522 A.D., ACCORDING TO THE CALENDAR OF THE WESTERN-OCEAN-DEVILS, BUT FEW EUROPEANS ARE SEEN ON THE SHORES OF THE EAST CHINA SEA ...
HERE IN CHEKIANG, THE FISHERMEN KNOW IT SIMPLY AS THE YEAR OF THE PIRATE ...
THE SUMMER OF DEATH!
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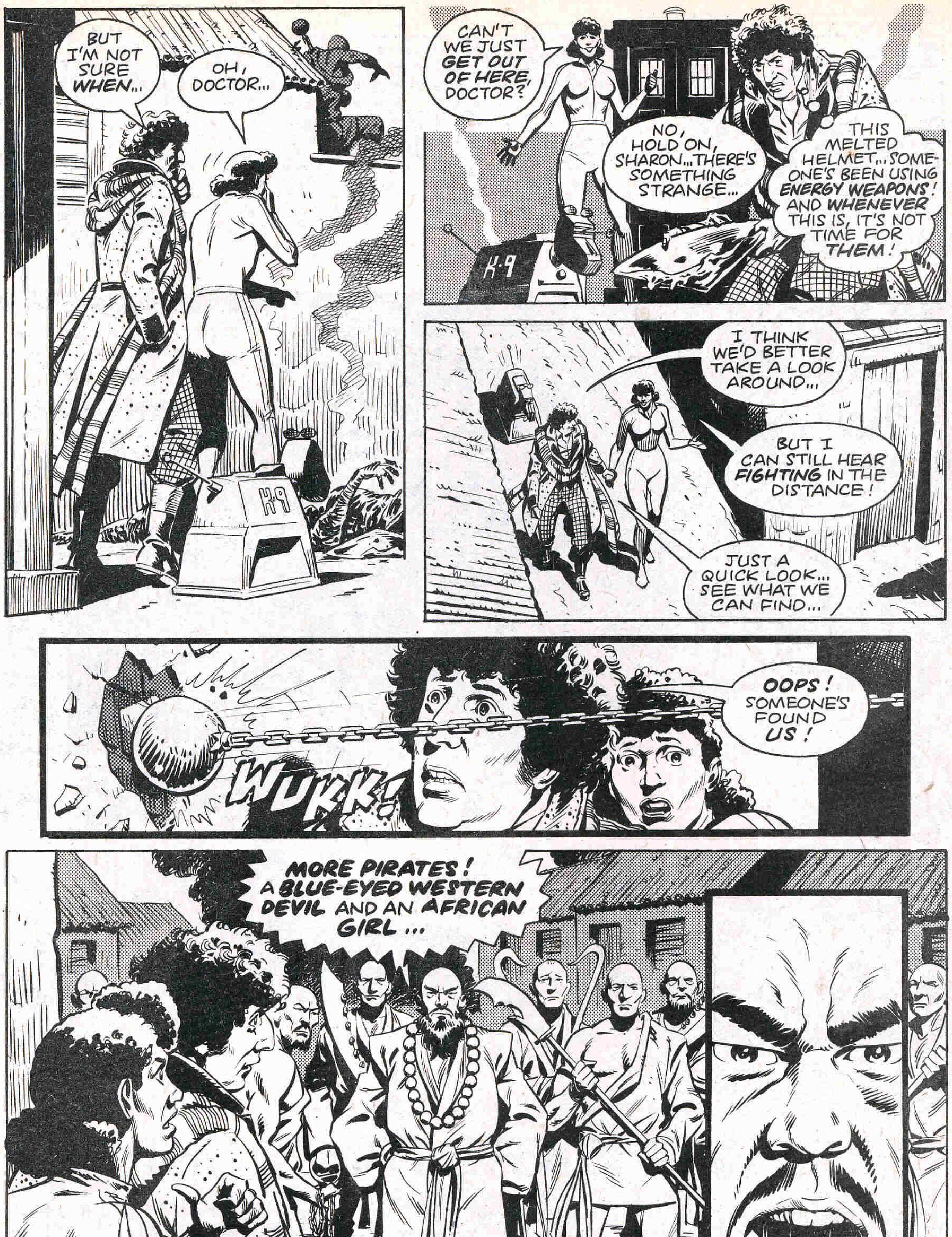
FOR YEARS, THE JAPANESE PIRATES HAVE BEEN RAVAGING THIS COAST, AND EVEN THE SOLDIERS OF THE NEW EMPEROR CHIA-CHING CAN DO NOTHING TO STOP THEM...
AAAYAAGH!
INDEED, IT SEEMS THAT NO-ONE CAN QUELL THEIR TYPHOON FURY...
MY BROTHERS ...MY PARENTS ... YOU ...!
THIS IS NOT A JOB FOR SOLDIERS...
THONK!
GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME, YOU FILTHY DWARF!
NOR EVEN FOR HEROES...
?
GLERK!
THIS IS A TASK FOR THE HOLY!
A MONK!?!
TH-THANK YOU, MASTER...
SAY NOTHING, GIRL ...MISFORTUNES ARE MANY IN THIS SINFUL WORLD ...
BUT I HAVE HEARD THAT IF YOU READ THE SCRIPTURES, LEAD A HOLY LIFE ...
REPEAT THE BUDDHA'S NAME... OBEY HIS COMMANDMENTS...
WHAA...!
AND DO NOT KILL...
GUNCH!
...YOU WILL SURELY ASCEND TO PARADISE WHEN YOU DIE...

BUT THE MONK IS NOT ALONE, AND CLOSE AT HAND...
TOO MANY OF THE WOLVES SNAPPING AT MY HEELS...
THIKK!
AND THE ABBOT YUEH KUANG FINDS HIMSELF WITH A PROBLEM...
NO ALTERNATIVE ...BUT IF THERE'S NO ONE AROUND TO SEE...
...THERE'S NOTHING TO STOP ME USING THE STAR WEAPON!
OOORGH!
YAAAGH!
BUT AS ABBOT YUEH MOVES AWAY TO REJOIN HIS MEN...
WELL, SHARON, WE'RE HERE...
THIS TIME IT'S DEFINITELY GOOD OLD EARTH!


BUT I'M NOT SURE WHEN...
OH, DOCTOR...
CAN'T WE JUST GET OUT OF HERE, DOCTOR?
NO, HOLD ON, SHARON... THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE...
THIS MELTED HELMET... SOMEONE'S BEEN USING ENERGY WEAPONS! AND WHENEVER THIS IS, IT'S NOT TIME FOR THEM!
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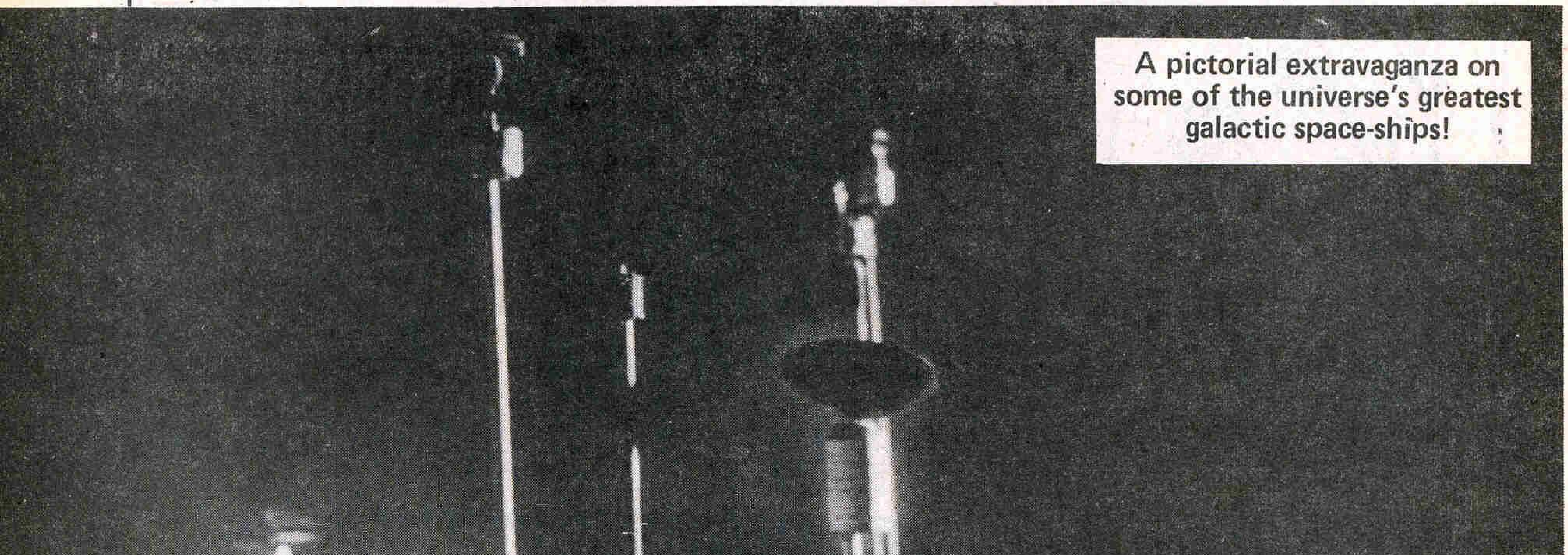
I THINK WE'D BETTER TAKE A LOOK AROUND...
BUT I CAN STILL HEAR FIGHTING IN THE DISTANCE!
JUST A QUICK LOOK... SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND...
WUKK!
OOPS! SOMEONE'S FOUND US!
MORE PIRATES! A BLUE-EYED WESTERN DEVIL AND AN AFRICAN GIRL...
HOLD ON, MATE... I'M BRITISH!
AND I DON'T EVEN COME FROM THIS PLANET!
KILL THEM!
NEXT WEEK: MONASTERY OF MYSTERY!

SPACE *throug*



A pictorial extravaganza on some of the universe's greatest galactic space-ships!

THE MASTER'S PRISON SHIP

Squat and powerful with galactic travel capability, this craft was hi-jacked by the Master from the Earth colony on Sirius IV.

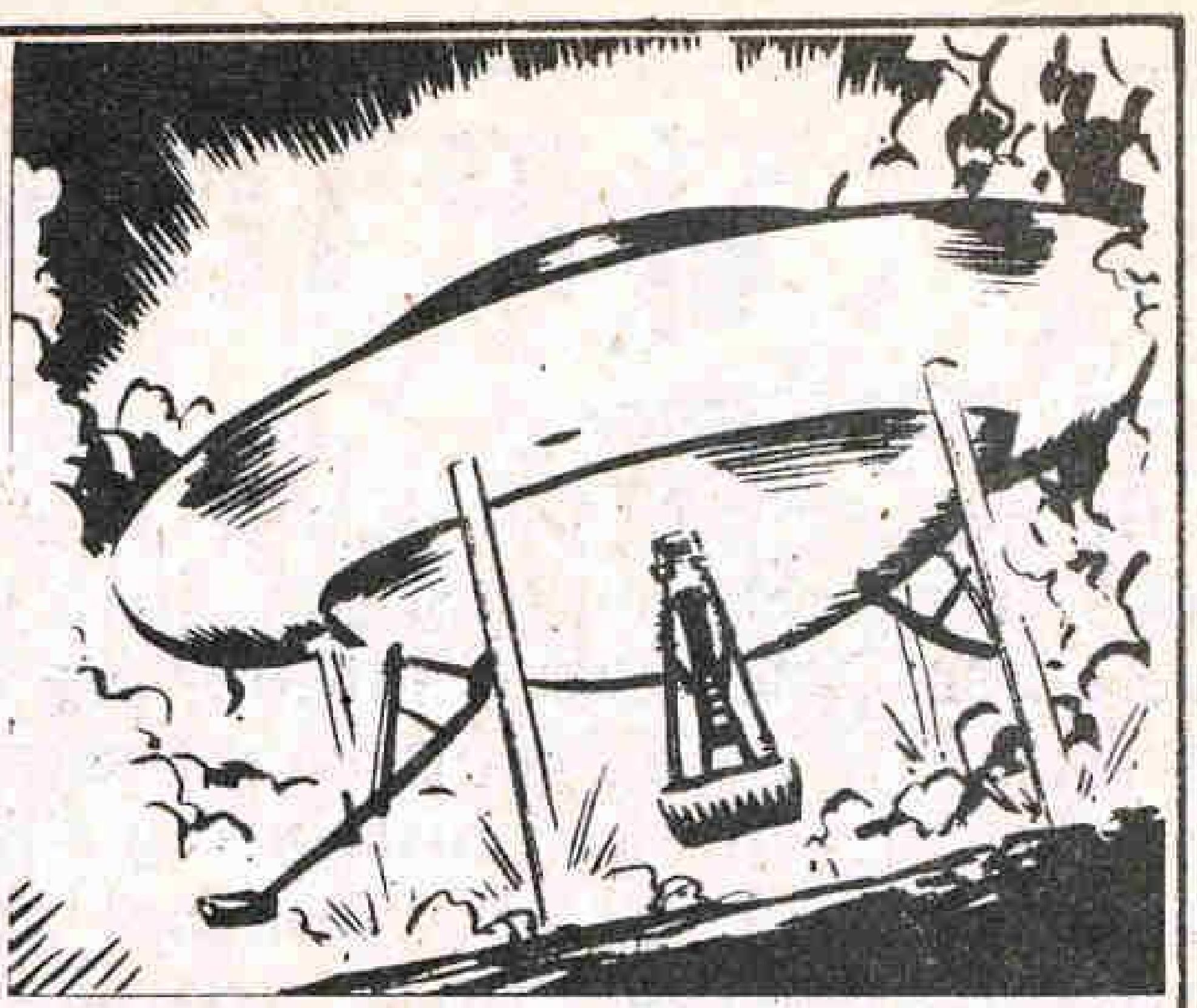
By the 26th century, hyperdrive had been perfected to reduce travel time between star systems and this craft was similiar to many that ploughed the routes between Earth and its many colonies.

Although Man's technical skills have carried him to the stars he has taken with him his crimes and vices, hence the need for a prison ship such as this! Built more as a kind of "flying squad" vehicle this ship holds a steel prison cell for the transportation of convicted criminals and has no defensive or offensive devices.

The ship's controls are situated in the single forward cockpit although the on-board guidance aids are so sophisticated that, once in flight, very little pilot intervention is needed. The craft is fitted with a standard airlock system to permit docking with any other craft of either the Earth or Draconian fleets — merchant or military.

CRAFT

the ages



THE JAGAROTH CRUISER

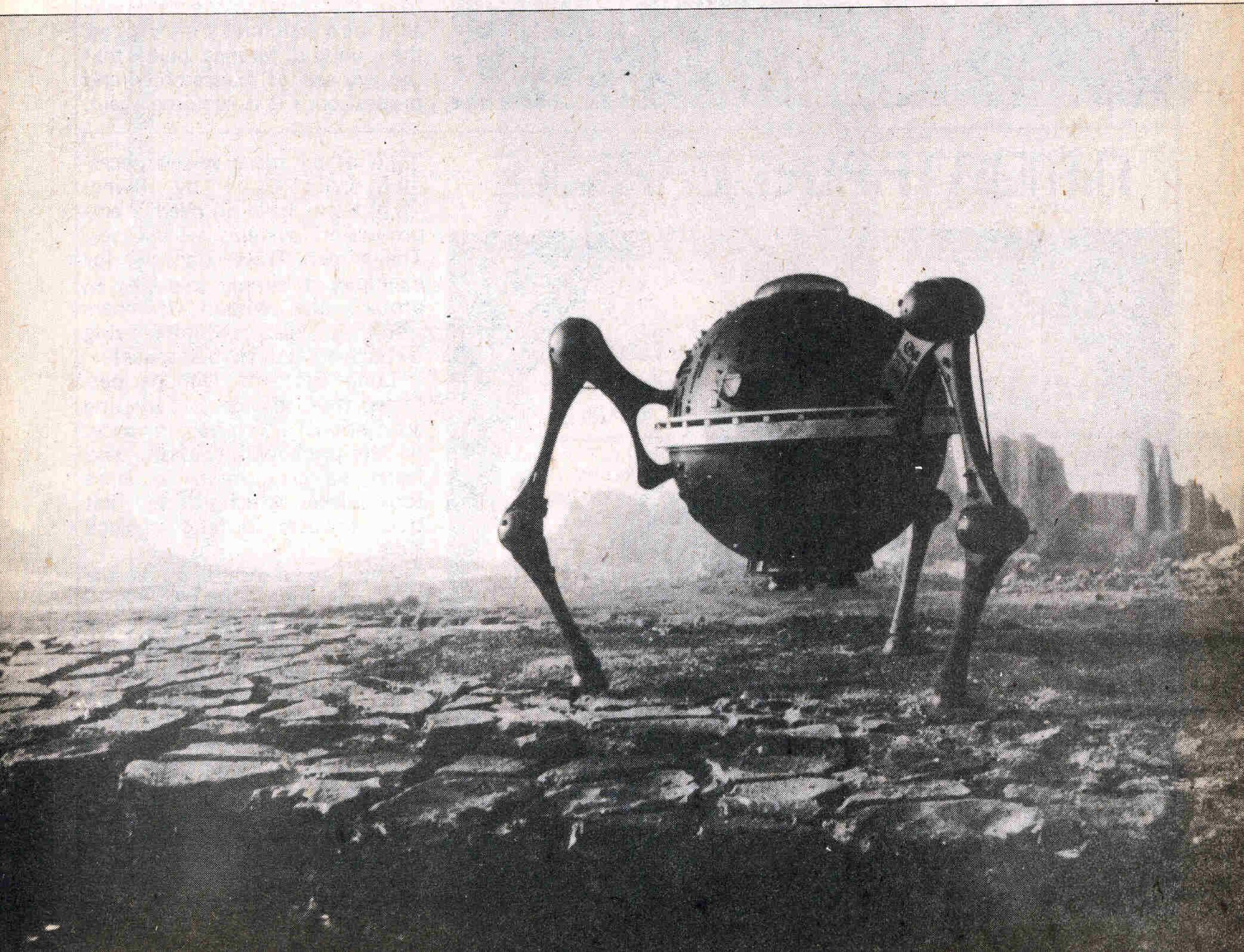
Evil and afire with dreams of conquest and glory, the Jagaroth were once the most feared monsters in the universe . . . a race of war-mongers supreme in weapon technology.

The Jagaroth star ship is a perfect example of their art — a deep space attack craft, heavily armed and equipped to handle terrains ranging from liquid acid to burning desert.

Just above the gyroscopic stabilising ring is the warp drive cabin where the operative skilled in War Field Technology handles the piloting of the ship.

Due to the dangers of activating the warp drive while in a gravitational environment, conventional engines must be used to lift the craft into space. Once there, the landing legs retract and then the massive warp engines underneath are fired sending the ship into hyper-space!

Although little is known of the precise design of the Jagaroth ship, visual analysis of the landing legs suggest that the vehicle is capable of a walking motion which can cope with rough terrain, making it a formidable fighting machine indeed!

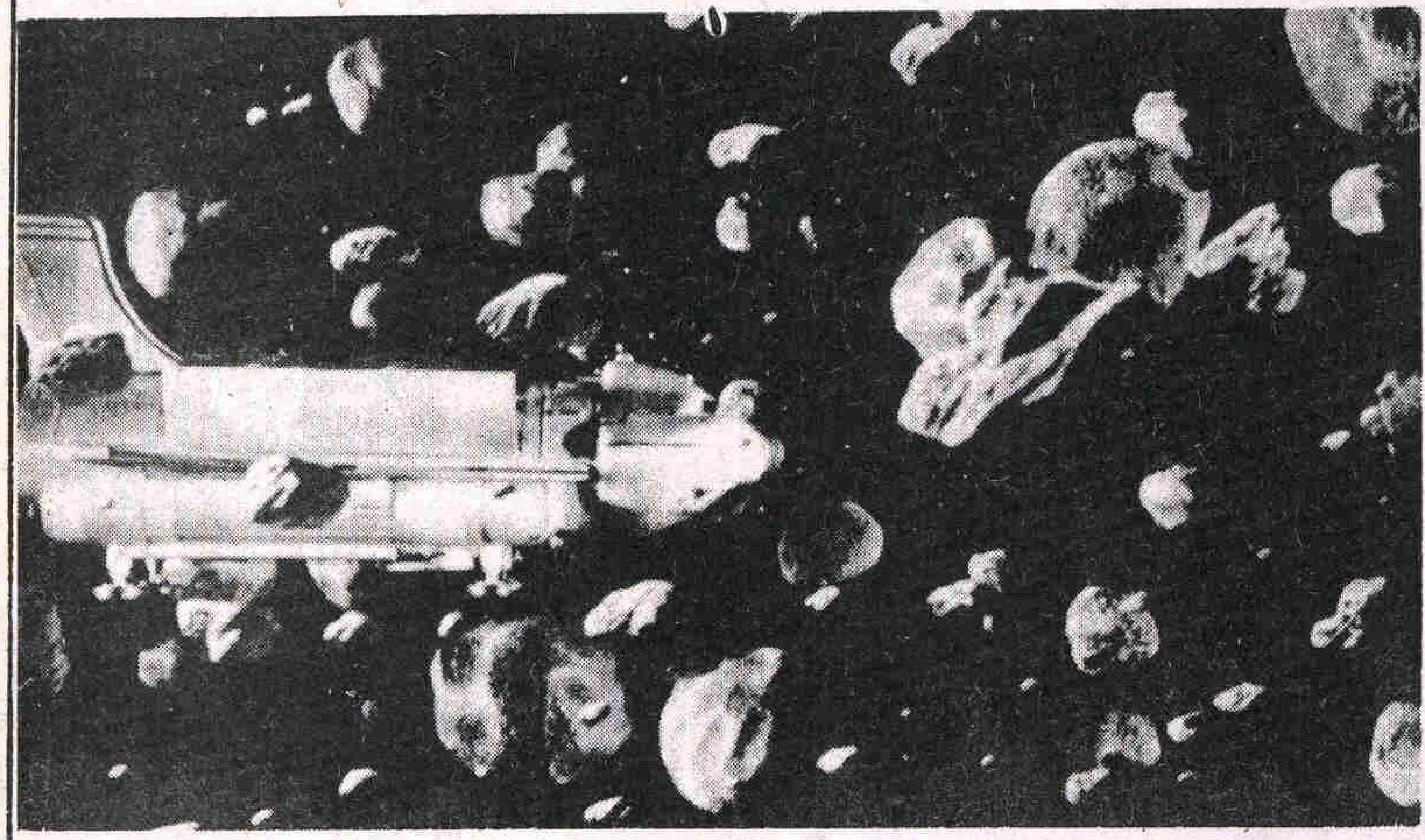


THE TITAN SHUTTLE

These craft are the work horses of the Earth space fleet. They are short, stubby vehicles fitted with large storage holds. The cargo section, situated at the top of the shuttle may be used to house any number of interchangeable "pods" depending on the use being made of the shuttle at the time, whether it be medical, passenger carrying or freight.

Non offensive, the shuttles are armed only with a force shield to protect against meteor storms common in the area of space between Saturn and Jupiter.

With a crew capacity of three this shuttle was en route to the moon Titan when it was attacked by a mysterious cloud in space. The ship touched down safely on the Titan fuelling station. . . the crew, however, were far from human . . .



ERATO'S SHIP

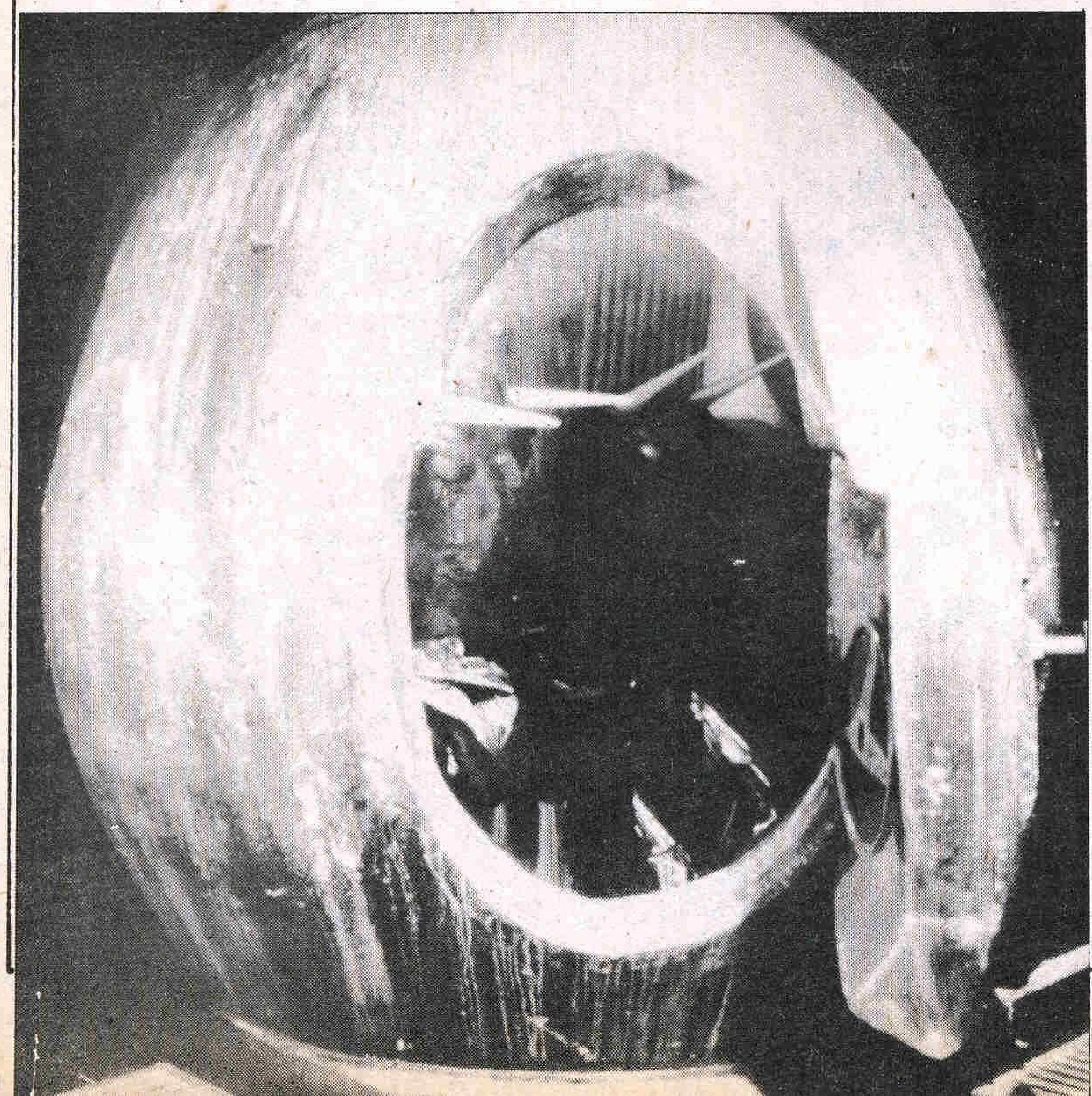
The Tythonians, with their shapeless, totally flexible bodies, have very little need of standard conventional space ships with cockpits and seats.

They are constructed in the shape of an egg, based on the principle that the egg is the perfect container. Unlike conventional space vessels this one was not built, but spun — the necessary material being supplied from the Tythonian's body in a similar fashion to the way a spider spins a web.

At the rear of the ship is the proton drive used to power the vessel through space. This drive system is very versatile permitting vertical take-off and landings, hovering, rapid acceleration and deceleration.

Once the ship has landed the Tythonian creature will burst from the vessel in the same way as a bird hatching from its egg, the only difference being that the egg can be re-assembled and re-spun once it is required again.

NIMON TRAVEL CAPSULE



Not all space vessels necessarily travel by flying. Some have no need of any propulsion systems whatsoever. The Nimon Travel Capsule, for example, is simply a device to protect the Nimon travellers from the rigours of journeying through a Black Hole in space!

Long ago, the Nimons perfected the science of creating gravitational whirlpools in space. As the pools whirled faster and faster so gravitational collapse took place, which is the first stage towards forming a Black Hole.

Thus to transmit a capsule from one end of the universe to another, two power sources are required — one on the sending planet, the other on the receiving end. The transmitting complex dematerialises the capsule and beams the particles through the Black Hole. The molecules are then captured by another Trans-Mat Beam and re-assembled into the capsule form at the second power complex.

UNIT HOTLINE

Attention all UNIT undercover agents! Here is this weeks coded messages hot from HQ!

SECURITY CODE GREEN

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SAPGCCRAD FILYAR – GAL
TJRQGNR!

ALIEN ALLIES

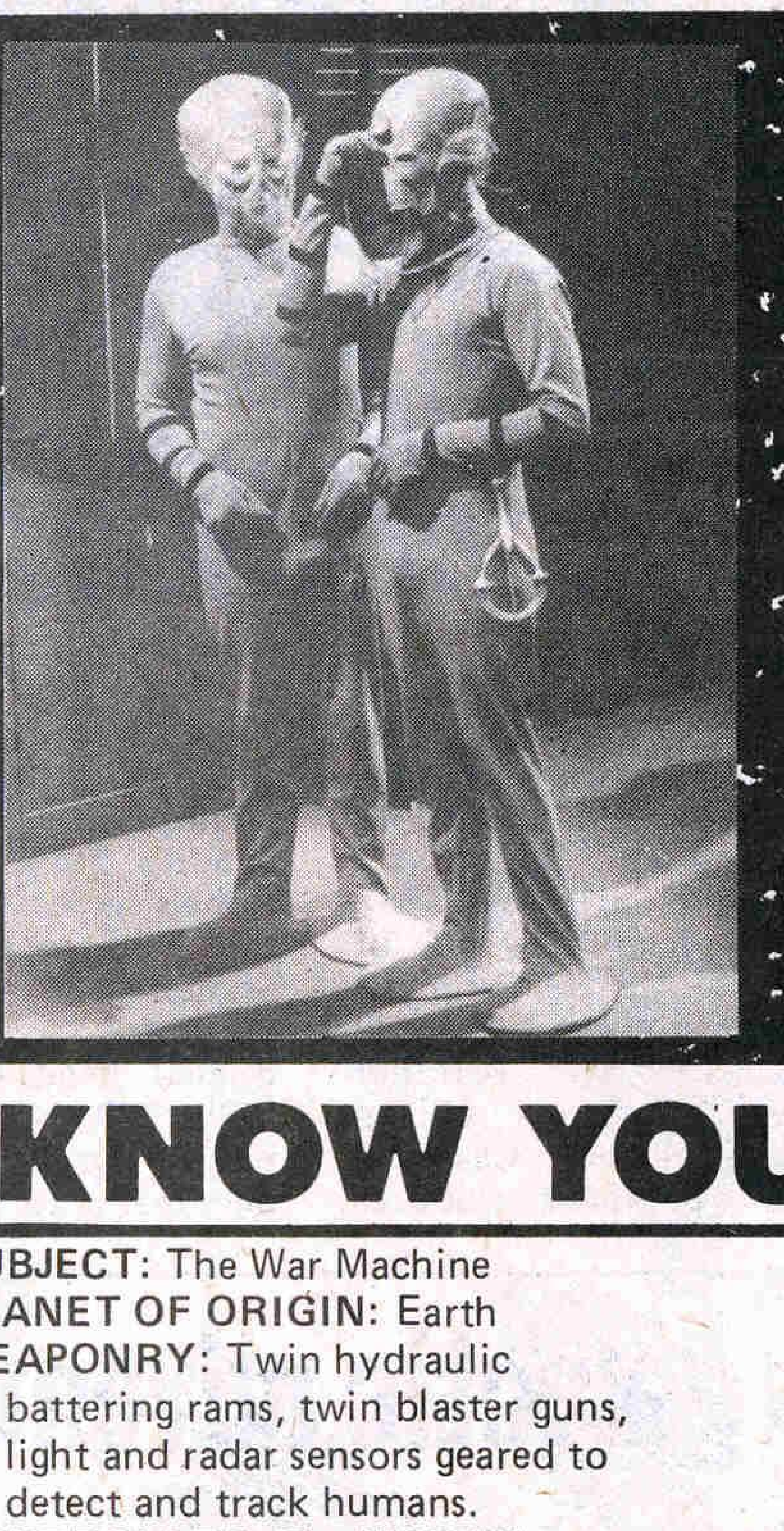
Force-fighters! UNIT's computer has been compiling a list of Earth's alien allies – galactic friends that we might need to turn to in times of alien threat!

ALIEN ALLIES No. 1: The Sensorites.

Data banks report the presence of a peaceful race of alien allies who have been located in the furthest depths of the universe on the planet Sense-Sphere.

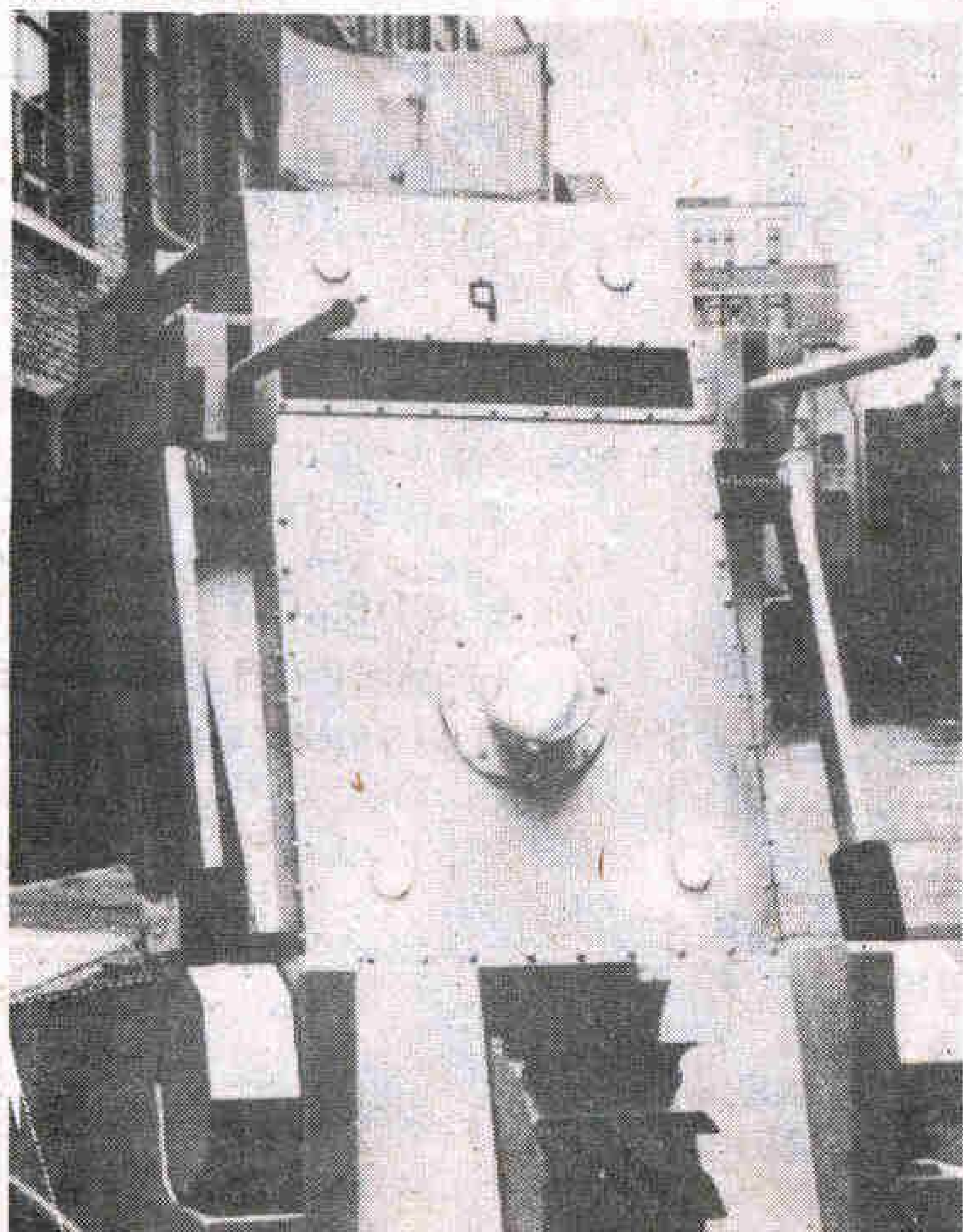
The Sensorites are a highly intelligent, telepathic civilization who will only go against their pacifist beliefs under extreme circumstances.

UNIT recognise these creatures as a highly valuable ally in a mysterious universe full of unknown dangers.



Nº 13 THE WAR MACHINE

KNOW YOUR ENEMY



SUBJECT: The War Machine
PLANET OF ORIGIN: Earth
WEAPONRY: Twin hydraulic battering rams, twin blaster guns, light and radar sensors geared to detect and track humans.
CONTROLLER: The WOTAN Computer housed in the Post Office Tower.

HISTORY: The attack of the War Machines on London's streets marked the first instance of troops and scientists being called to fight a menace outside the conventional scope of normal security forces.

Heavily armed and almost impossible to stop, the War Machines were self-powered mobile computers programmed by the Will Operating Thought Analog computer (WOTAN) to destroy all human life.

So great was the machine's power that it was actually able to exert a hypnotic influence over groups of selected programmers and engineers who were then enlisted into the construction of the mobile fighting machines.

A full evacuation of the capital was only prevented by quick action on the part of UNIT.

WOTAN has now been de-activated but the age of computers has now become an integral part of our lives. Vilgilance is needed from all UNIT operatives in the technical fields.

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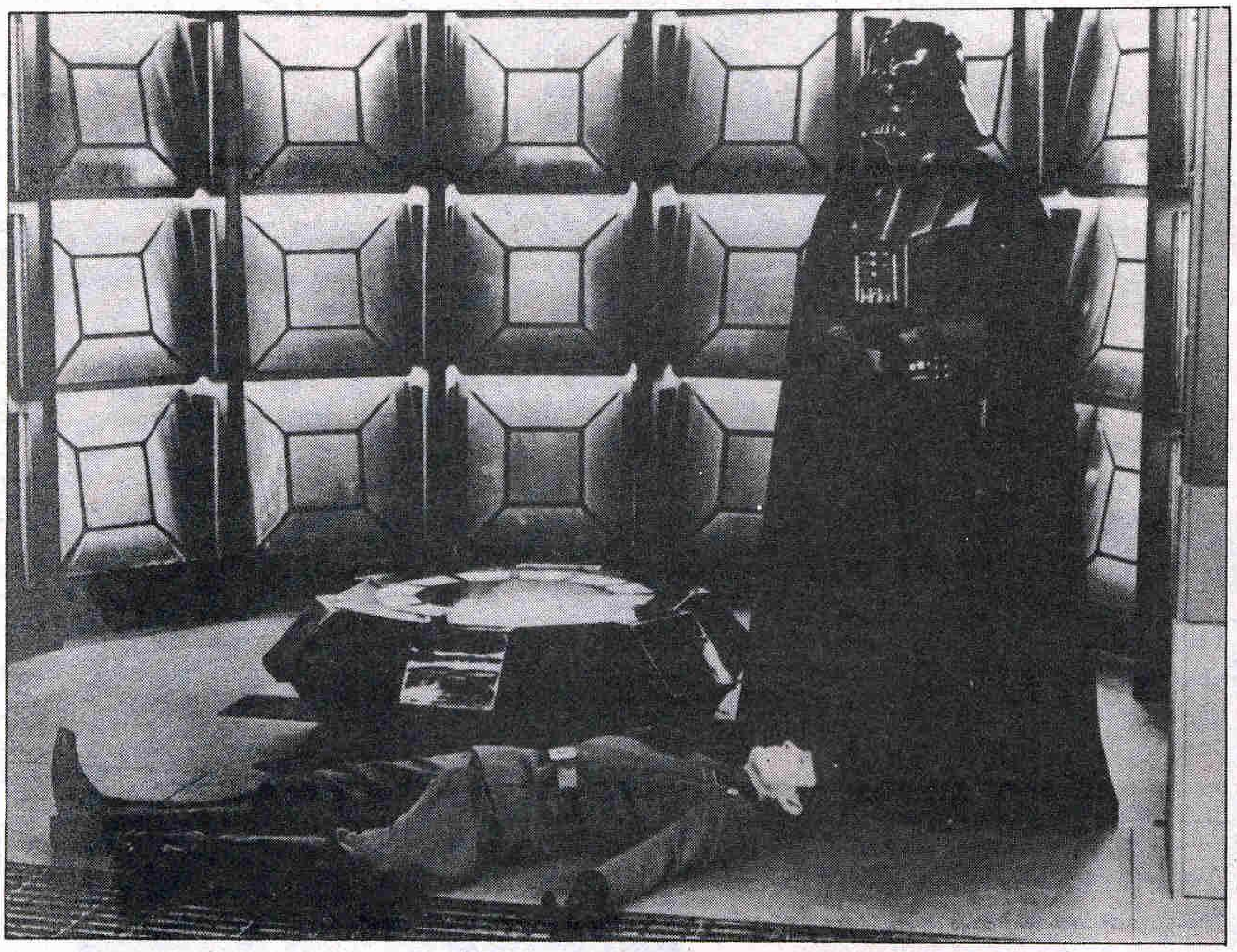
Dr Who actors appear in Star Wars



The cast list for the second of the *Star Wars* films, *The Empire Strikes Back* reads very much like a list for actors noted for appearances in *Dr Who*. Since much of the film was shot in British studios it is perhaps not surprising that so many of the secondary characters were native to this shore, but when even some of the leading roles are taken by ex *Dr Who* stalwarts, patriotic pride takes a pat on the back.

Hidden beneath the impassive mask of the bounty hunter Boba Fett is the young actor Jeremy Bulloch. His acting career began with an appearance in the William Hartnell serial "The Space Museum", but he will be remembered more as the archer, Hal, from the 1974 serial "The Time Warrior".

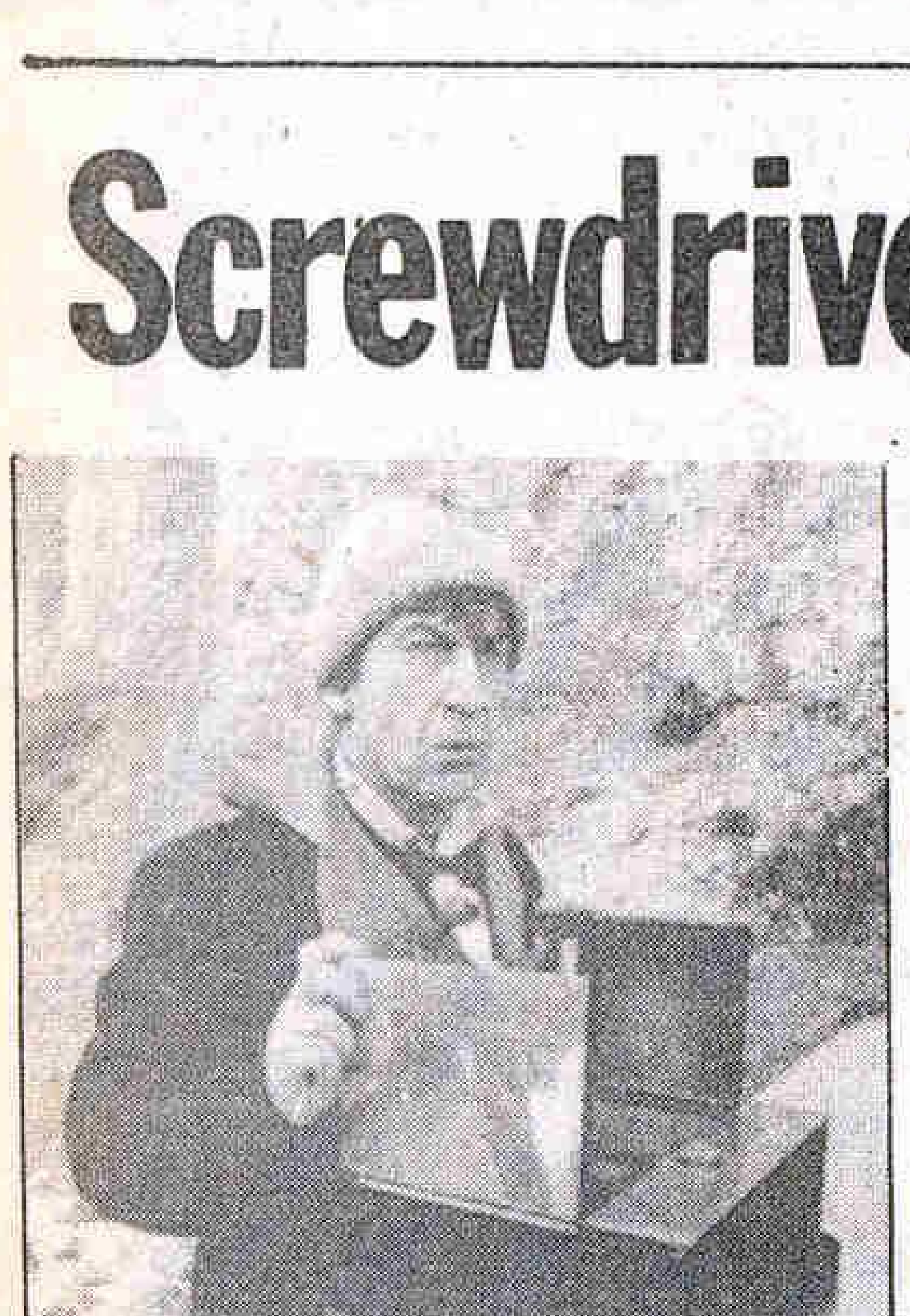
Commanding the gigantic AT-AT Walking Tanks, used by the Empire in its attack on the Rebel base, is none other than *Dr Who*'s King Richard, Julian Glover, whose most recent *Dr Who* achievement was the multiple entity Scaroth in "City of Death".

Also on the side of the Empire is Michael Sheard. Among his *Dr Who* appearances are the luckless Laurence Scarman from "Pyramids of Mars" – who died literally by his brother's hands – and as Supervisor Lowe in "The Invisible Enemy" who came to a sticky end inside the Doctor's body. In the *Star Wars* sequel his luck is no better as he played one of the Empire Cruiser Admirals who dares to fail the evil Darth Vader . . . Another Empire officer is Milton Johns whose Castellan Kelner provided viewers with a traitorous Time Lord in the 1978 production "The Invasion of Time".

So far, all the above mentioned have been baddies. On the side of the Rebels we have John Hollis, the bald headed Professor Sondergaard out of "The Mutants" serial. With his domed head encased by a brain enhancer, John Hollis plays Lando Calrissian's personal aide, Lobot, who is instrumental in rescuing Princess Leia from Imperial storm troopers.

And last, but by no means least, we have the black cowled Darth Vader himself, ably portrayed by David Prowse. Back in 1972 David found his head equally masked by the head of a Minotaur as he took on Jon Pertwee in mortal combat during the serial "The Time Monster"!

Screwdriver in galactic adventures

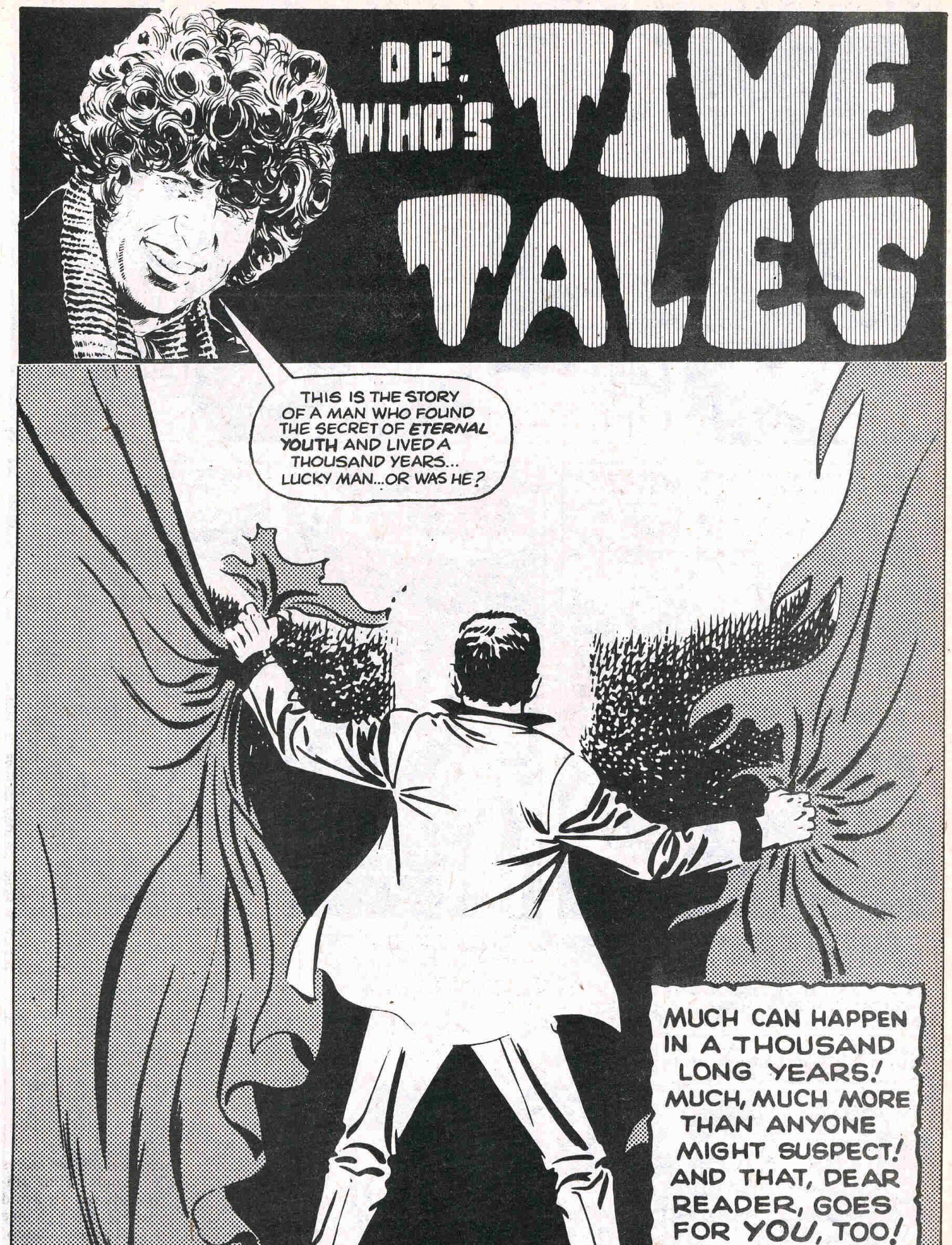


The Doctor's handiest piece of equipment on his galactic travels is the trusty Sonic Screwdriver, the small pencil shaped device that can do anything from detect radiation to detonating landmines. But do you know when the Sonic Screwdriver first made its appearance?

Many believe it was an invention of Jon Pertwee's Doctor who was, after all, the most technically minded of the four incarnations. The truth, however, lies, further back in time. Patrick Troughton's Doctor first produced the wonderous device from his copious pockets during the opening episode of "Fury From the Deep" – the 1968 story concerning a North Sea Gas Refinery. Appropriately it was called the Sonic Screwdriver precisely because it was used to sonically loosen the screws on an inspection box by the main gas pipe.

Weather

Due to a high pressure ridge on the far edge of the Titan galaxy, cosmic storms are expected in that area. Associated troughs will affect solar regions as far as the Vale Nebula. Time travellers are advised to avoid where possible as the chance of occasional heavy meteor storms could prove dangerous without the right defensive mechanisms on space vehicles. The rest of the universe should be clear and bright with the chance of solar wind on exposed places.


DR. WHO'S TIME TALES
THIS IS THE STORY OF A MAN WHO FOUND THE SECRET OF *ETERNAL YOUTH* AND LIVED A THOUSAND YEARS... LUCKY MAN...OR WAS HE?
MUCH CAN HAPPEN IN A THOUSAND LONG YEARS! MUCH, MUCH MORE THAN ANYONE MIGHT SUSPECT! AND THAT, DEAR READER, GOES FOR *YOU*, TOO!
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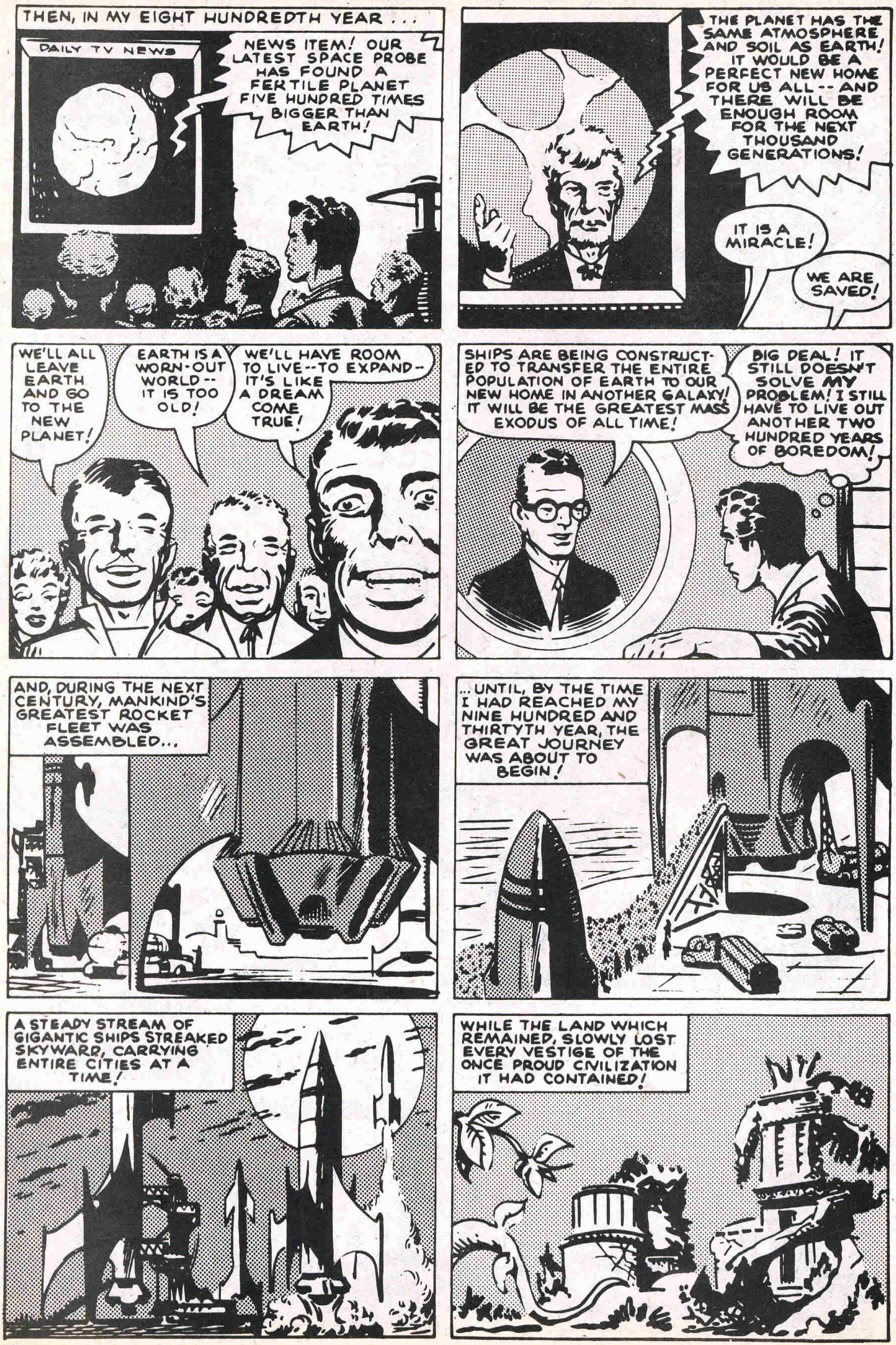
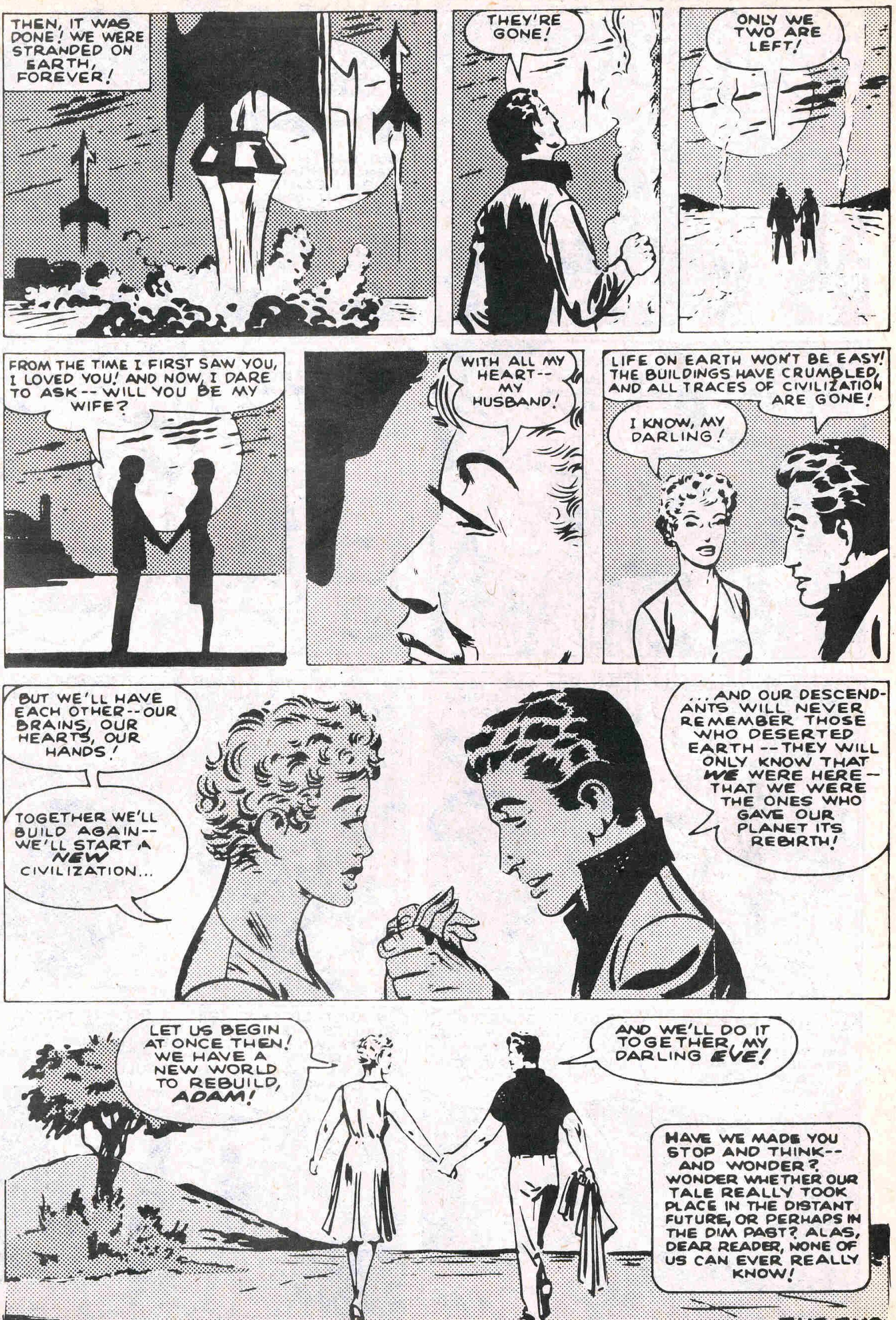
EVERYTHING HAS A BEGINNING! AND FOR ME, THE BEGINNING CAME ON THAT FATEFUL DAY...
IT WORKS! MY TESTS ON THE MICROBE PROVE IT!
MY SERUM CAN PROLONG LIFE TEN TIMES LONGER THAN NORMAL! THERE IS NO DOUBT!
THEREFORE, A MAN WHOSE NORMAL LIFE SPAN IS ONE HUNDRED YEARS, COULD LIVE TO BE A THOUSAND IF HE DRINKS THIS SERUM!
IT WAS A PROUD DAY WHEN I ANNOUNCED MY FANTASTIC DISCOVERY...
MY SERUM WILL ENABLE A MAN TO LIVE ONE THOUSAND YEARS!
BUT YOU ONLY HAVE ENOUGH FOR ONE MAN!
IF THE WORLD FINDS OUT, THERE WILL BE RIOTS! EVERY MAN WILL WANT IT FOR HIMSELF!
YOU MUST DESTROY THE SERUM! THERE IS NO OTHER WAY!
IT WOULD TAKE A LIFETIME TO PRODUCE ANOTHER CAPFUL OF SERUM! I CAN'T DESTROY IT! I CAN'T!
THERE IS ONLY ONE THING TO DO...
YES, I DRANK IT MYSELF! HEAVEN HELP ME, I DOOMED MYSELF TO ONE THOUSAND YEARS OF LIFE! MORE THAN ANY MORTAL SHOULD HAVE TO BEAR! THEN, TEN YEARS LATER...
ROGER, I- I'M QUITTING THIS LAB!
WHY?
I CAN'T STAND WATCHING YOU -- WATCHING EVERYONE GROW OLD BEFORE MY EYES -- WHILE I NEVER CHANGE!
OH, I CAME BACK TO VISIT ROGER AND THE OTHERS OCCASIONALLY IN THE YEARS THAT FOLLOWED, BUT IT WAS TORTURE FOR ME...
POOR ROGER...

BUT WHEREVER I WENT, IT WAS THE SAME! THE LOOKS, THE WHISPERS . . .
HE HASN'T AGED IN YEARS!
WHY SHOULD HE STAY YOUNG WHILE WE GROW OLD?
YOU'VE HEARD THE EXPRESSION, "THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS ARE THE HARDEST"...? WELL, I CAN VOUCH FOR ITS TRUTH!
MOVING -- I MUST ALWAYS KEEP MOVING!
I CAN'T MAKE FRIENDS -- THEY AGE TOO QUICKLY!
I CAN'T EVEN THINK OF MARRIAGE! MY WIFE WOULD GROW OLD WHILE I REMAINED YOUNG!
EVERYTHING CHANGES -- EVERYTHING AGES -- EXCEPT ME!
IT'S BEEN THREE HUNDRED YEARS SINCE I DRANK THE POTION -- AND I'M STILL AS YOUNG AS EVER!
NO FRIENDS -- NO WIFE -- NO ROOTS... NOTHING TO DO BUT MOVE FROM PLACE TO PLACE...
AND, DURING MY SIX HUNDREDTH YEAR . . .
DUE TO THE FACT THAT WE HAVE CONQUERED DISEASE AND ABOLISHED WAR, OUR PLANET IS IN GRAVE DANGER OF OVER-POPULATION! WE HAVEN'T ENOUGH SPACE! PEOPLE ARE LIVING TOO LONG!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!


THEN, IN MY EIGHT HUNDREDTH YEAR . . .
DAILY TV NEWS
NEWS ITEM! OUR LATEST SPACE PROBE HAS FOUND A FERTILE PLANET FIVE HUNDRED TIMES BIGGER THAN EARTH!
THE PLANET HAS THE SAME ATMOSPHERE AND SOIL AS EARTH! IT WOULD BE A PERFECT NEW HOME FOR US ALL -- AND THERE WILL BE ENOUGH ROOM FOR THE NEXT THOUSAND GENERATIONS!
IT IS A MIRACLE!
WE ARE SAVED!
WE'LL ALL LEAVE EARTH AND GO TO THE NEW PLANET!
EARTH IS A WORN-OUT WORLD -- IT IS TOO OLD!
WE'LL HAVE ROOM TO LIVE -- TO EXPAND -- IT'S LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE!
SHIPS ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED TO TRANSFER THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF EARTH TO OUR NEW HOME IN ANOTHER GALAXY! IT WILL BE THE GREATEST MASS EXODUS OF ALL TIME!
BIG DEAL! IT STILL DOESN'T SOLVE MY PROBLEM! I STILL HAVE TO LIVE OUT ANOTHER TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF BOREDOM!
AND, DURING THE NEXT CENTURY, MANKIND'S GREATEST ROCKET FLEET WAS ASSEMBLED...
... UNTIL, BY THE TIME I HAD REACHED MY NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTYTH YEAR, THE GREAT JOURNEY WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN!
A STEADY STREAM OF GIGANTIC SHIPS STREAKED SKYWARD, CARRYING ENTIRE CITIES AT A TIME!
WHILE THE LAND WHICH REMAINED, SLOWLY LOST EVERY VESTIGE OF THE ONCE PROUD CIVILIZATION IT HAD CONTAINED!

WE'RE THE LAST FEW PEOPLE STILL REMAINING!
YEAH, ONE FINAL GROUP OF FLIGHTS AND EARTH WILL BE DESERTED!
WHAT A LOVELY GIRL! SHE MUST BE TAKING THE NEXT FLIGHT!
BUT NOT **ME**! THE SERUM HAS FINALLY WORN OFF AND I'M BEGINNING TO AGE NORMALLY, AS I NEAR MY THOUSANDTH YEAR!
BUT EARTH HAS BEEN MY HOME TOO LONG -- I CAN'T DESERT IT NOW! I'LL REMAIN BEHIND -- I'LL DIE WHERE I HAVE LIVED -- FOR THESE LONG, LONG THOUSAND YEARS!
WHERE ARE YOUR BAGS, MISS? THE LAST FLIGHTS LEAVE IN A LITTLE WHILE!
I KNOW -- BUT I -- I'M NOT LEAVING WITH THEM!
WHAT?!! ARE YOU **MAD?!!** **EVERYONE** IS LEAVING!
NO! IT ISN'T RIGHT! IT ISN'T RIGHT TO COMPLETELY DESERT OUR HOME PLANET! I CAN'T! **I CAN'T!**
MAYBE **YOU** CAN TALK SENSE INTO HER, MISTER!
NO, NOT **ME**! YOU SEE, I'M REMAINING ON EARTH, TOO!
BUT YOU'LL BE THE **ONLY TWO**... OUT OF ALL OF EARTH'S BILLIONS!
YOU **MEAN** IT? ARE YOU -- ARE YOU JOKING?
NO -- EARTH HAS BEEN MY HOME FOR A LONGER TIME THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE, MY DEAR!
I -- I HAVE NO FAMILY! MY FRIENDS THINK I AM INSANE TO STAY BEHIND! BUT NOW — NOW I'VE FOUND ANOTHER ...
I DIDN'T DARE TO HOPE THAT SOMEONE ELSE WOULD REMAIN — NOT SOMEONE AS LOVELY AS YOU!
IN ANOTHER FEW MINUTES THE LAST SHIPS WILL HAVE DEPARTED! IT WILL BE TOO LATE TO CHANGE YOUR MIND!
I DO NOT INTEND TO CHANGE MY MIND! AND NOW THAT I HAVE MET **YOU** -- NOTHING COULD MAKE ME LEAVE!


THEN, IT WAS DONE! WE WERE STRANDED ON EARTH, FOREVER!
THEY'RE GONE!
ONLY WE TWO ARE LEFT!
FROM THE TIME I FIRST SAW YOU, I LOVED YOU! AND NOW, I DARE TO ASK -- WILL YOU BE MY WIFE?
WITH ALL MY HEART -- MY HUSBAND!
LIFE ON EARTH WON'T BE EASY! THE BUILDINGS HAVE CRUMBLED, AND ALL TRACES OF CIVILIZATION ARE GONE!
I KNOW, MY DARLING!
BUT WE'LL HAVE EACH OTHER -- OUR BRAINS, OUR HEARTS, OUR HANDS!
TOGETHER WE'LL BUILD AGAIN -- WE'LL START A NEW CIVILIZATION...
... AND OUR DESCENDANTS WILL NEVER REMEMBER THOSE WHO DESERTED EARTH -- THEY WILL ONLY KNOW THAT WE WERE HERE -- THAT WE WERE THE ONES WHO GAVE OUR PLANET ITS REBIRTH!
LET US BEGIN AT ONCE THEN! WE HAVE A NEW WORLD TO REBUILD, ADAM!
AND WE'LL DO IT TOGETHER, MY DARLING EVE!
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FANTASTIC FACTS

EMPIRE OF TERROR

The Emperor Commodus was a very nasty chap. As a child he would complain if his bath water was too cool and order the slave responsible to be burned alive! He was an excellent swordsman and loved to fight as a gladiator in the amphitheatre, winning over a thousand gladiatorial crowns. On one occasion the crowd's applause was so enthusiastic that he took it to be mockery and ordered all the spectators in the amphitheatre to be killed!

TASTY GAMBLE

Sandwiches are named after (but were not invented by) the 4th Earl of Sandwich (1718-1792). He was so devoted to gambling that he could not bear to leave the card table — even to eat, so he would order the waiters to bring him a steak between two slices of bread so that he could eat while playing.

STYLISH SPIES

The greatest spies of all time were the Ninjas of old Japan. They could climb sheer cliffs, withstand extreme pain and were even said to be able to walk across water using special shoes. Unlike the espionage of any other country, Ninjutsu, as the art is called, was solely a family business. Ninjas were trained from early childhood in the techniques of spying, poisoning, fighting dirty and a handy way of escaping bonds by dislocating any joint at will!

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1066

After his death at the battle of Hastings, King Harold's body was identified by a tattoo over his heart which said "Edith and England".

AFTER-LIFE SNACKS

The ancient Egyptians revered cats to such an extent that they mummified them after death, and then just in case the cats felt hungry in the after-life they buried mummified mice alongside them.

LUNAR WEB

Anyone suffering from arachnophobia (fear of spiders) had better not read any further. It has been calculated from a census of a Sussex field that an acre of rough grassland in the late summer contains more than 2¼ million spiders. If all these spiders were to combine their efforts and spin one long thread, in just 10 days it would be long enough to reach the moon. The weight of insects eaten by spiders in England and Wales each year well exceeds the weight of the human population of these countries. Many spiders take elaborate precautions while mating to ensure that they are not eaten themselves — some perform a little dance, while the male Crab spider (Xysticus) takes no chances at all — he ties the female up with a lasso of web!

CRAFTY CROCS

Crocodiles are considerably more intelligent than was once supposed. When young, they will hunt streams in packs, systematically catching all the small fish. When adult, they often lurk near the river's edge where they may easily be mistaken for a floating log, and then, when an animal comes to drink, the crocodile pulls it beneath the water and drowns it. One animal they never eat is the little bird which cleans their teeth for them.

YO-YO STONES

The toy yo-yo was known to the ancient Greeks but the modern version is based on a weapon used in the Phillipine Islands for hunting and jungle warfare. This lethal piece of equipment is often made of stone.

BEWITCHED!

During the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, a law was passed which decreed that "any woman who, through the use of false hair, Spanish hair pads, make-up, false hips, steel busks, panniers, high-heeled shoes or other devices, leads a subject of Her Majesty into marriage, shall be punished with the penalties of witchcraft."

THE DALEK TAPES
TAPE FIVE
THE PENTA RAY FACTOR

THE DALEKS HAVE LANDED OUTSIDE BULOS, THE CAPITAL CITY OF THE PLANET SKARO. THEY HAVE MISLED REDLIN, THE RULER, INTO THINKING THEY ARE ON A PEACEFUL MISSION! THE SOOTH SAYER LURR KNOWS BETTER BUT NO ONE WILL LISTEN TO HIM, LEAST OF ALL GELTIS WHO SEES IN THE DALEKS A FORCE CAPABLE OF TOPPLING REDLIN FROM HIS THRONE! WHEN GELTIS OFFERS THE DALEKS THE KEY TO THE PENTARAY, A POWERFUL SOLTURIAN WEAPON, PRINCE JARETH ARRIVES TO PREVENT HIS PLANET FALLING INTO LURR'S HANDS . . .

I SHALL RULE SOLTURIS...
...HANDS THAT WANT ONLY TO REND AND TEAR ...HANDS THAT WANT TO CRUSH AND HURL DOWN ...HANDS OF A MADMAN!
HE'S MAD!
NOW TO DESTROY BULOS!
JARETH ACTS QUICKLY...
TRY THAT FOR SIZE!
AS GELTIS DIES ON THE MOUNTAIN, THE DALEKS ATTACK THE DEFENCELESS CITY.
ATTENTION ALL DALEKS... ASCEND TO HOVER POSITION... CITY TO BE RAKED WITH FIRE FROM ABOVE.
ON REDLIN'S BALCONY...
THE DALEKS ARE MASSING...
WE CAN'T HOLD THEM, CAPTAIN...
LOOK!
ONLY TIME FOR ONE GOOD SHOT...
JARETH DIVES. AND AIMS...
AND OUT IN DEEP SPACE...
THE HUMAN CREATURES ARE VICTORIOUS — SHALL WE RETURN TO ANNIHILATE THEM?
NO — I HAVE A STRANGE MESSAGE FROM OUR OWN PLANET — WE RETURN TO SKARO — IMMEDIATELY!

TO FIND OUT WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS ABOUT WE MUST NOW LOOK AT TAPE 6, WHICH TELLS US OF A DISASTER ON SKARO.

THE DALEK TAPES
TAPE SIX
THE PLAGUE OF DEATH

MEANWHILE ON SKARO, THE BLACK DALEK HAS ASSUMED CONTROL IN THE ABSENCE OF THE EMPEROR . . .
THE EMPEROR HAS ORDERED AN INCREASE IN WAR PRODUCTION. REPORT ON DALATOMIC PROGRESS.
DALATOMIC RESEARCH FACTORY
PROGRESS SATISFACTORY. DALATOMIC BEAM MISSILE MACHINE NEARING COMPLETION.
THEN...
THE RADIOACTIVE TUBE IS BENDING! ALERT!!
...DISASTER!
WE MUST REBUILD. BUT IS THIS AREA CONTAMINATED?
NO. THE ENERGY STREAMED OUT THROUGH A HOLE IN THE FACTORY ROOF.
INSIDE THE FACTORY
WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE RUSTED METAL AROUND THE HOLE?
THE ESCAPING ENERGY BEAM HAS STRIPPED ALL THE RUST OFF THIS DISCARDED MACHINE.
IT IS UNIMPORTANT, BLACK DALEK. THE ENERGY BEAM WILL HAVE DISPERSED ITSELF BY NOW.
NO!
SOMEWHERE OUT THERE IS A RADIOACTIVE CLOUD OF RUST. LIKE A DISEASE, READY TO BURROW INTO OUR METAL CASINGS ... AND DESTROY US!
WE HAVE UNLEASHED A TERRIBLE FORCE CAPABLE OF UTTERLY DESTROYING EVERY DALEK IN THE GALAXY!

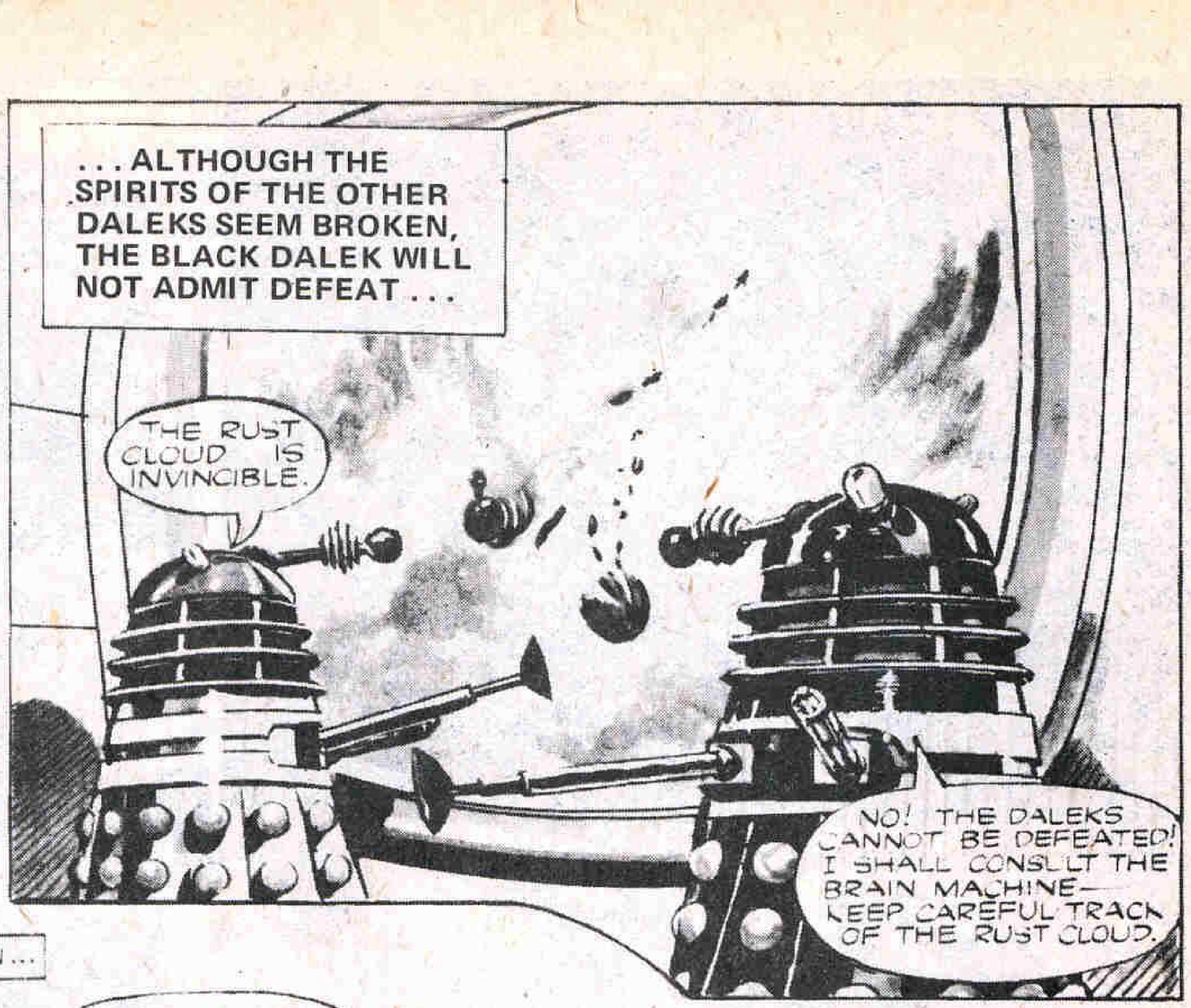
FULLY REALISING THE POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF THIS DISASTROUS EVENT, THE BLACK DALEK QUICKLY DECIDES TO TEST THE EFFECTS OF THE RADIOACTIVE RUST ON METAL, IN ONE OF THE DALEKS' OWN LABORATORIES! HE ORDERS HIS TECHNICIANS TO CONTAMINATE SOME RUST WITH GAMMA-RADIATION . . .

. . . AND BEFORE LONG THE EXPERIMENT IS READY TO BE PERFORMED!
ALL CITY SECTION HEADS WILL STUDY THIS EXPERIMENT.
THE MACHINE FIRES!
THIS MACHINE CONTAINS RUST PARTICLES. THEY WILL BE EXPOSED TO RADIO-ACTIVE BETA-GAMMA RAYS. WATCH THE METAL SHEET.
WE HAVE FIRED AT A SHEET OF PURE METALERT — TWICE AS STRONG AS OUR OWN CASINGS. NOW... LOOK AT THE RESULT...
RUST, MADE RADIO-ACTIVE BY BETA-GAMMA, BECOMES LIKE, A GERM, EATING ANY STRENGTH OF METAL HUNGRILY.
THE DALEKS PANIC...
THE RUST WILL DESTROY US!
STOP!!!
WE ARE THE DALEKS! INVINCIBLE! DO NOT PANIC! TOGETHER WE WILL DEFEAT THIS DANGER.
BUT IN DESERT STATION GX. YUR.
INSTRUMENTS RECORD HEAVY SANDSTORM APPROACHING.
I WILL WARN THE CITY.
THE FIRST ATTACK OF THE RUST CLOUD...

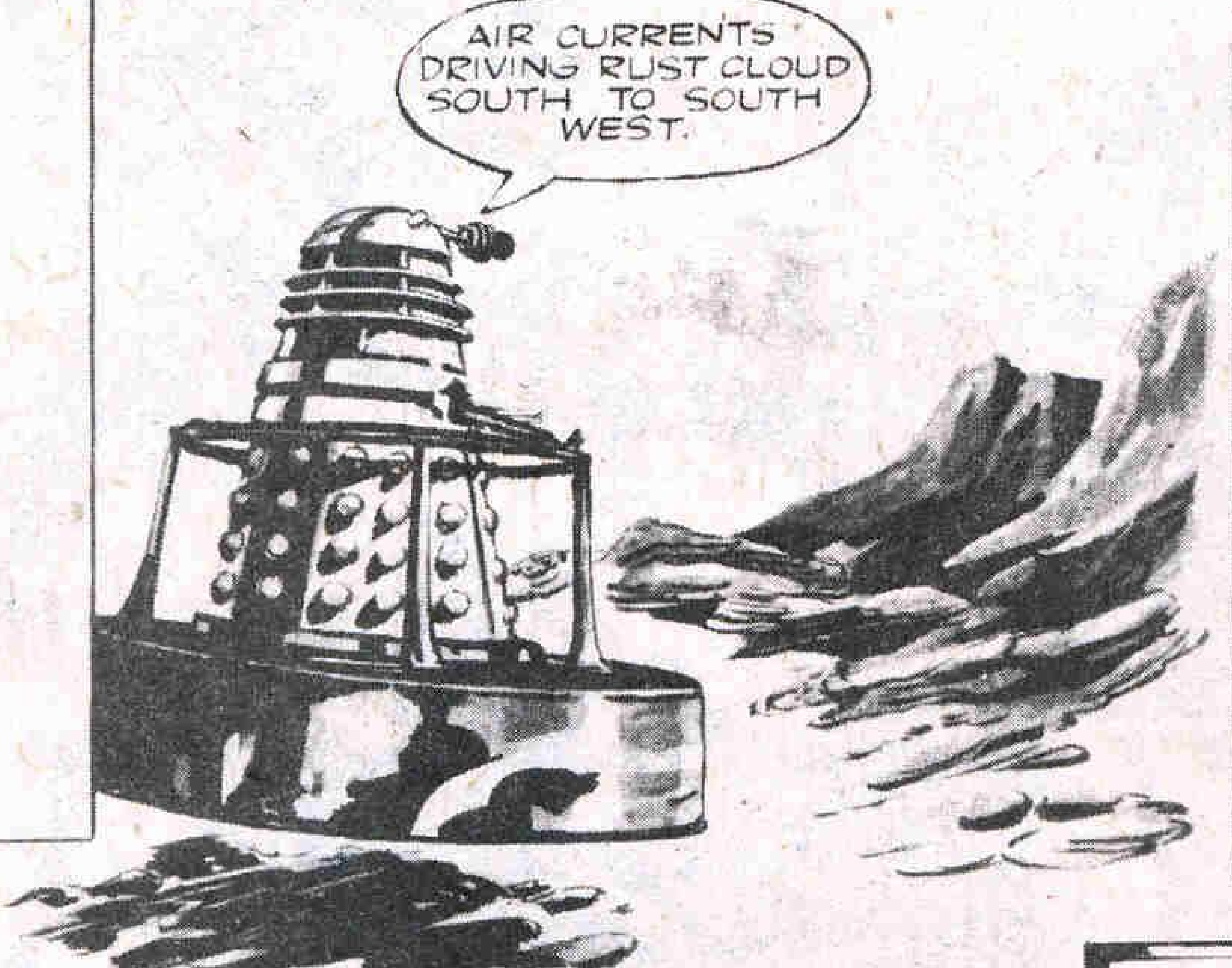
SURE ENOUGH, THE EFFECT OF THE RADIO-ACTIVE DUST CLOUD IS EVERY BIT AS DANGEROUS AS THE LABORATORY TESTS SHOWED IT WOULD BE! THE SWIRLING VORTEX OF RADIO-ACTIVE DEATH ENVELOPES THE ENTIRE STATION . . .

THE EFFECT OF THE STORM IS DISASTROUS . . . LIKE HOT WATER DISSOLVING ICE, THE RADIO-ACTIVE RUST DEMOLISHES ALL METAL BEFORE IT! THE METAL DOMES CRUMBLE AND CRACK AND OFFER ABSOLUTELY NO PROTECTION TO THE DOOMED DALEKS INSIDE!
AS THE RUST ENTERS AND ENGULFS THEM, THE DALEKS REALISE THEY HAVE LITTLE TIME LEFT . . .
AAAH! WARN... WARN... THE CITY...
WHAT... WHAT IS IT?
EMERGENCY! INVASION BY NEW KIND OF... OF GAS. ALL CITY DEFENCES ALERT! AWAIT ORDERS.
SECTION GX.YUR REPORTING. EMERGENCY! IT'S... REACHING ME... THE CLOUD... HELP ME...
HELP ME... THE AGONY... IT'S EATING INTO ME! AAEEA!!
CONTACT ALL AIRBORNE HOVERBOUTS.
BLACK DALEK TO HOVERBOUT MOUNTAIN PATROL. DESTROY DESERT STATION GX.YUR. IMMEDIATE.
ORDERS UNDERSTOOD. WILL REACH ATTACK POSITION AT ZERO-ONE-ZERO.
THE DALEKS FIGHT BACK!
BUT THE RUST CLOUD CLIMBS UP THE RAYS OF FIRE...
AND ATTACKS AGAIN!
OUT OF CONTROL... OUT OF CONTROL... ALL AERO-VANES EATEN BY RUST. REST OF PATROL DESTROYED... REPEAT... DESTROYED!
ONE BY ONE THE AIRBORNE DALEKS CRASH HELPLESS TO THE GROUND . . . AND THUS THE MAIN PATROL FROM THE CITY PROVES POWERLESS TO STOP THE STRANGE SUBSTANCE THAT DESTOYS WITH SUCH EFFORTLESS EASE!

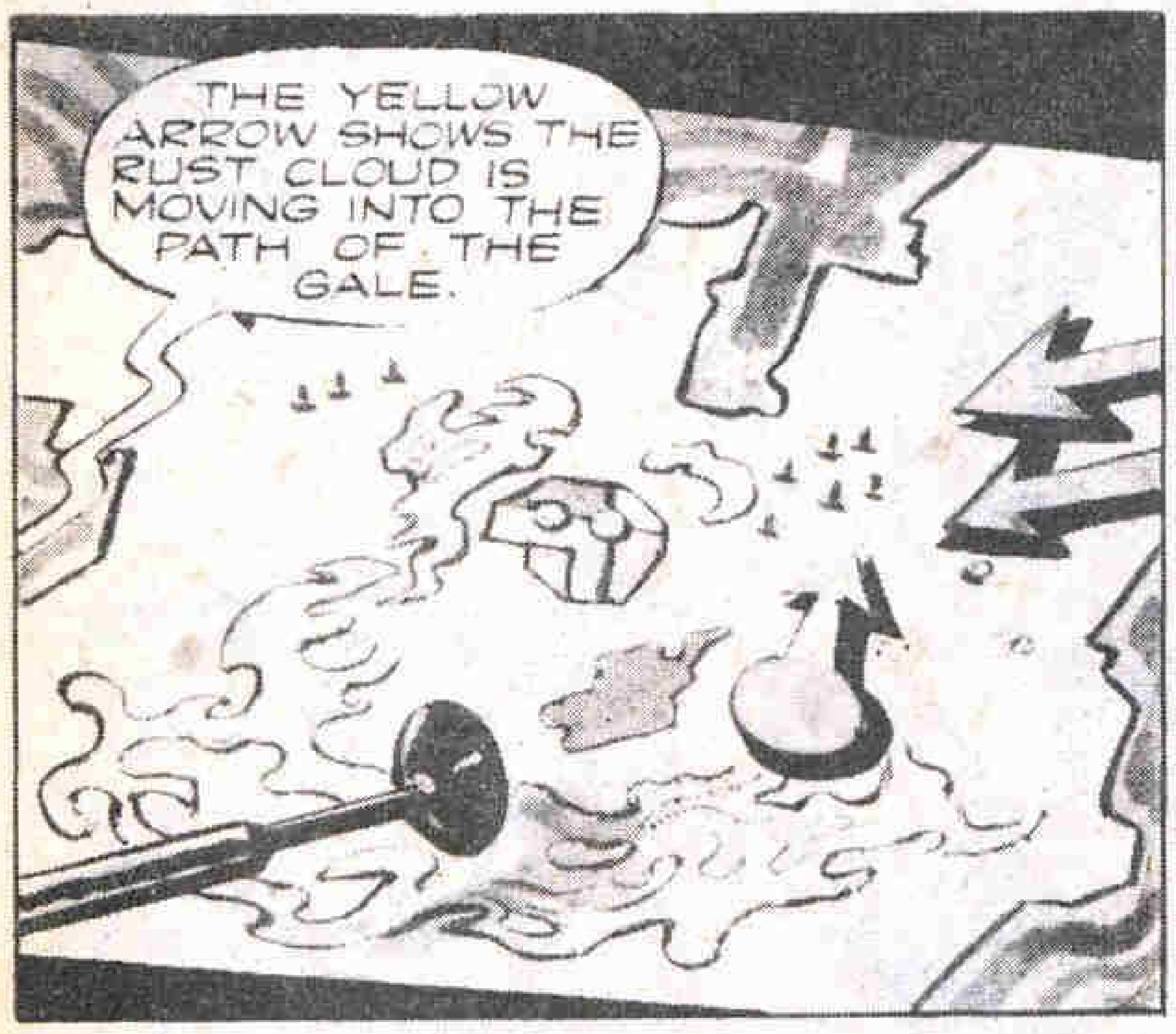
THE CRUSHING DEFEAT OF THE DALEK TASK FORCE IS CLOSELY WATCHED BY THE BLACK DALEK AND HIS FOLLOWERS FROM THE RELATIVE SAFETY OF THE CITY. IT IS CLEAR TO THE COLD UNEMOTIONAL CREATURES WHO DWELL WITHIN THEIR METAL CASINGS, THAT DESTRUCTION MAY WELL BE IMMINENT.

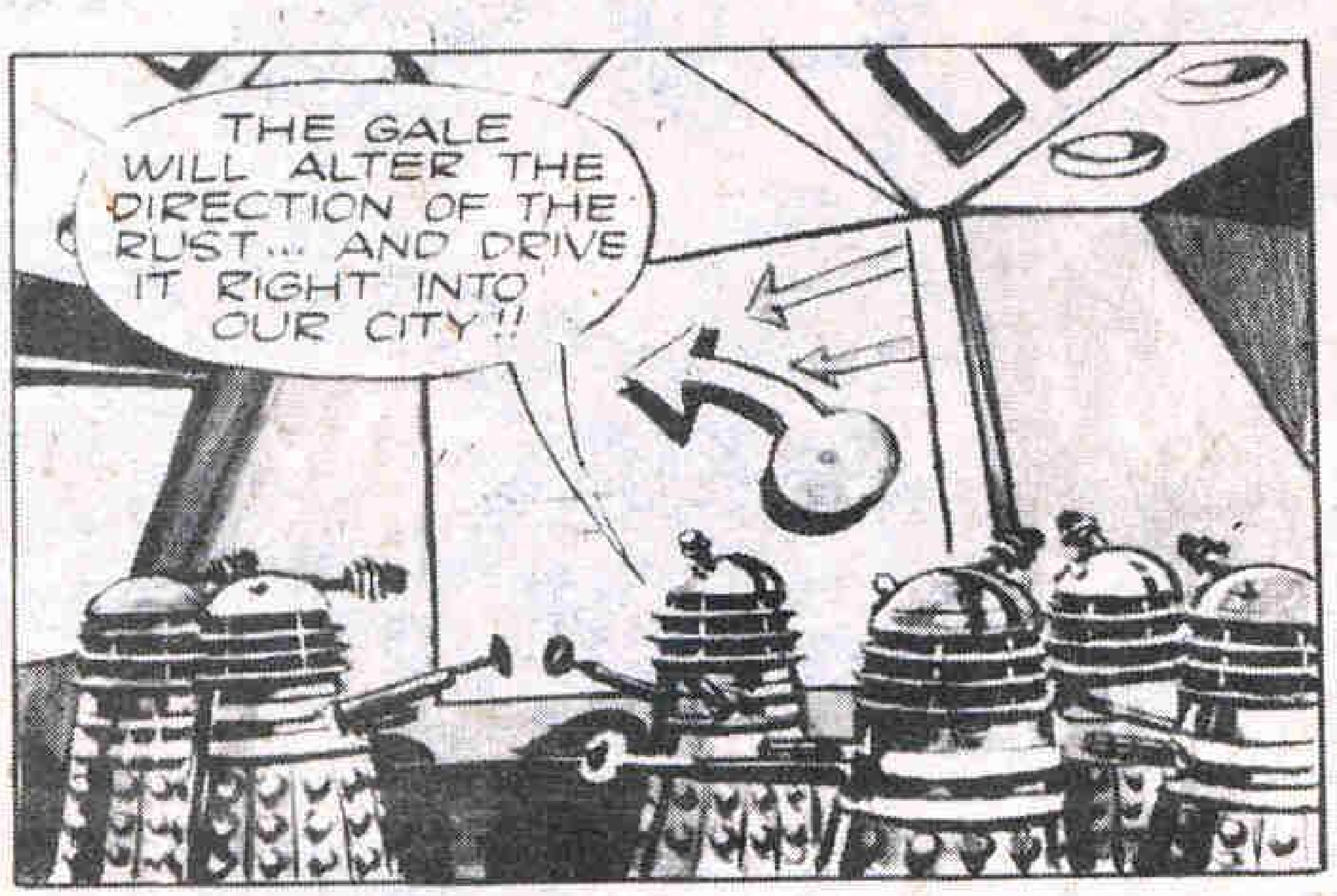

. . . ALTHOUGH THE SPIRITS OF THE OTHER DALEKS SEEM BROKEN, THE BLACK DALEK WILL NOT ADMIT DEFEAT . . .
THE RUST CLOUD IS INVINCIBLE.
NO! THE DALEKS CANNOT BE DEFEATED! I SHALL CONSULT THE BRAIN MACHINE— KEEP CAREFUL TRACK OF THE RUST CLOUD.

THE DALEKS KEEP WATCH.
RUST CLOUD STATIONARY IN GORGE.

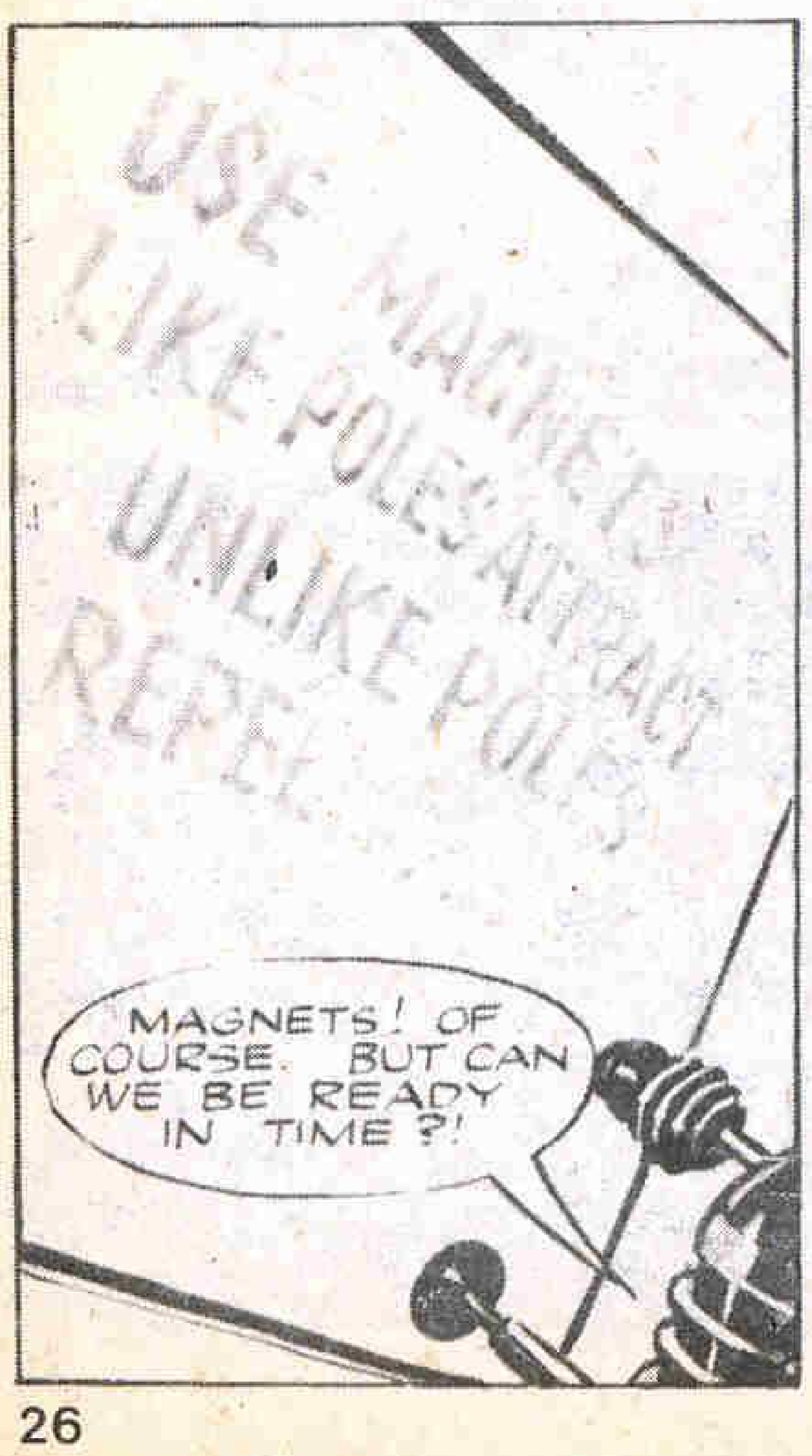

AND THEN...
AIR CURRENTS DRIVING RUST CLOUD SOUTH TO SOUTH WEST.

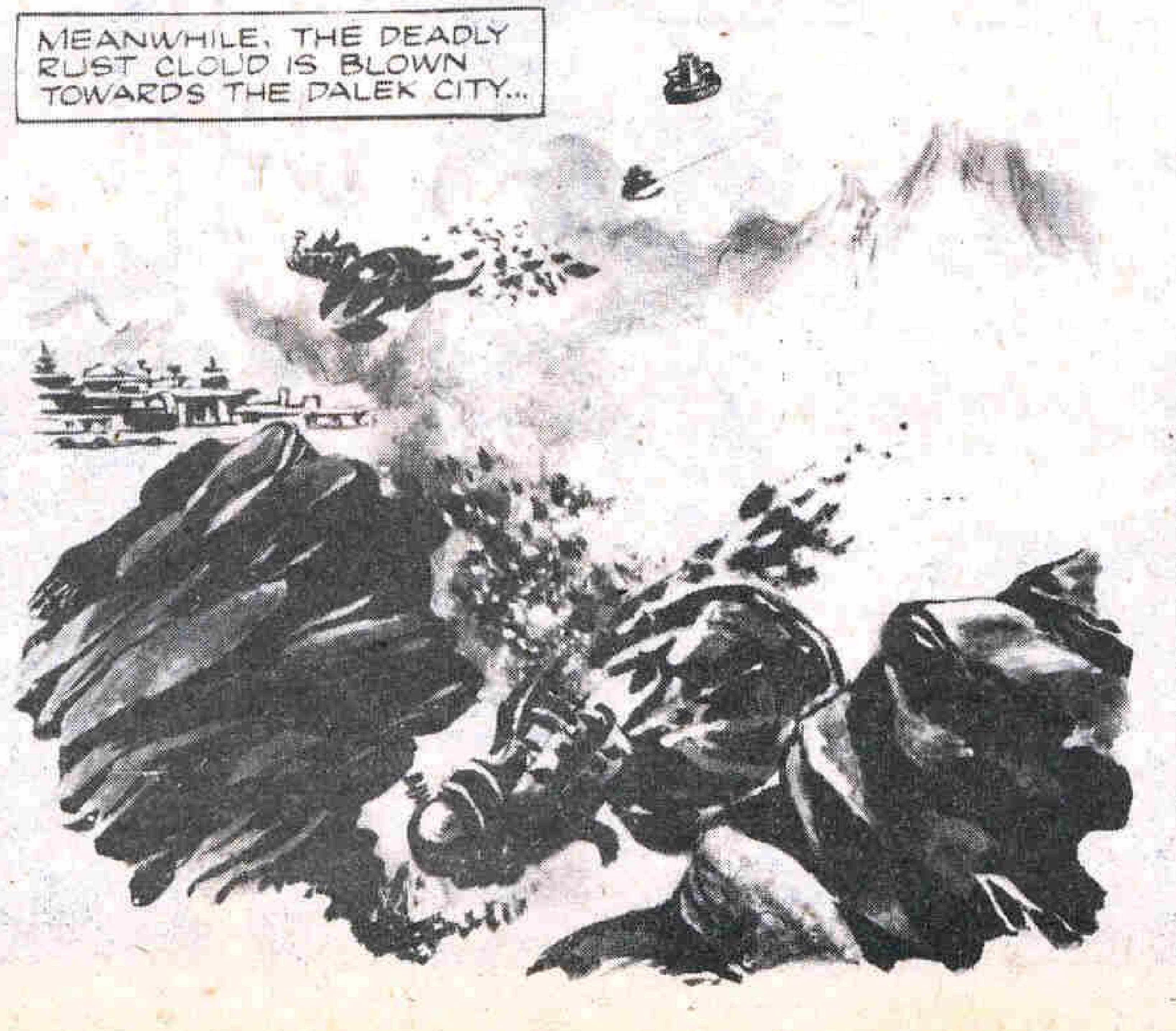
TRACKING STATION PZ. 8. INFORM BLACK DALEK STRONG GALE FORCE WIND MOVING EAST TO SOUTH EAST.


THE YELLOW ARROW SHOWS THE RUST CLOUD IS MOVING INTO THE PATH OF THE GALE.


THE GALE WILL ALTER THE DIRECTION OF THE RUST... AND DRIVE IT RIGHT INTO OUR CITY!!

THE BRAIN MACHINE PREPARES ITS ANSWER.
STAND BY
THE BRAIN MACHINE HAS REACHED ITS CONCLUSION. BUT WILL IT TELL US HOW TO DEFEAT THE RUST CLOUD ?


USE MAGNETS LIKE POLES ATTRACT UNLIKE POLES REPEL
MAGNETS! OF COURSE. BUT CAN WE BE READY IN TIME ?!


MEANWHILE, THE DEADLY RUST CLOUD IS BLOWN TOWARDS THE DALEK CITY...

. . . WILL THE PLAN OF THE DALEK BRAIN MACHINE BE SUCCESSFUL? DON'T MISS THE EXCITING CONCLUSION OF TAPE SIX IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF DR WHO WEEKLY!

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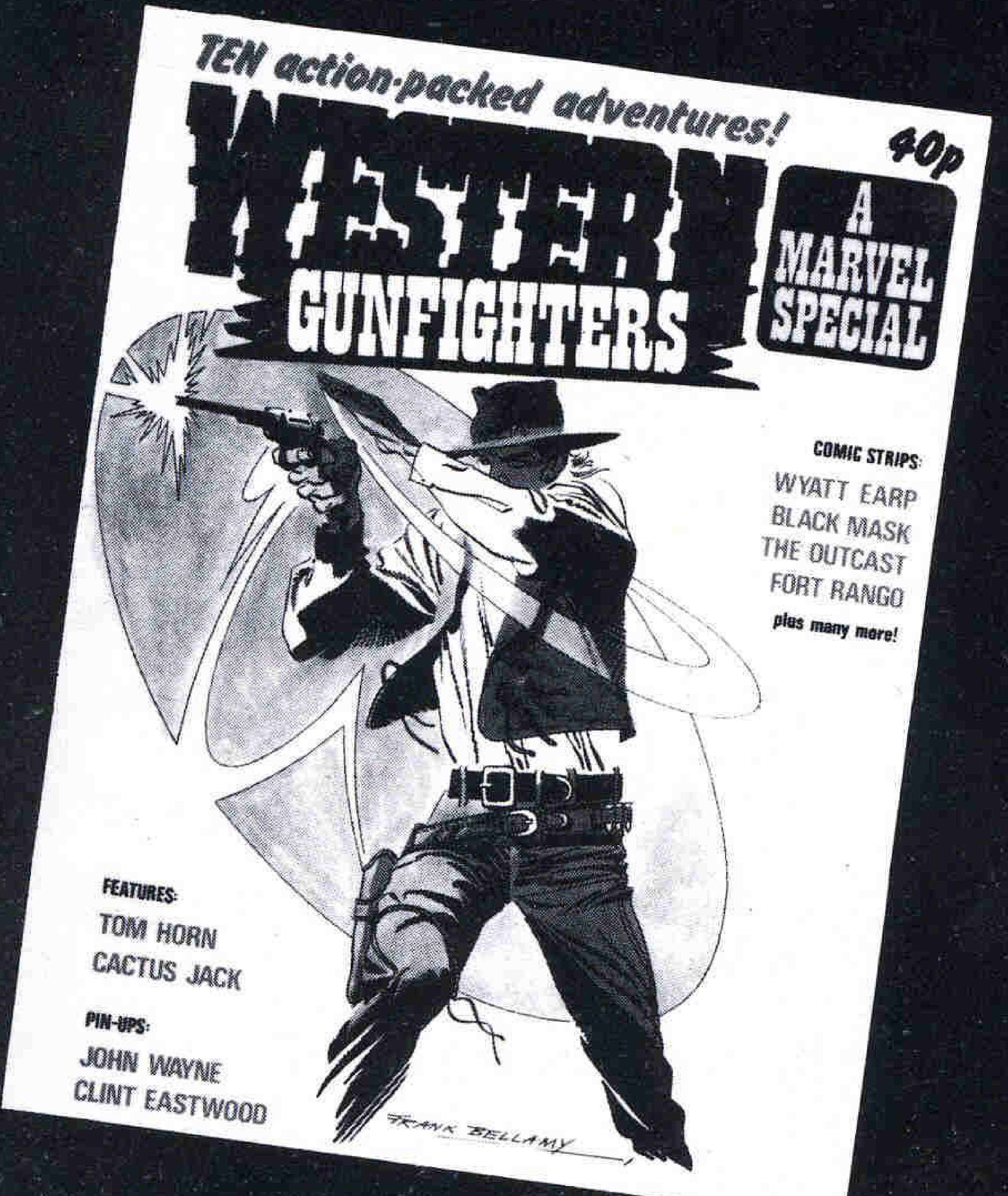

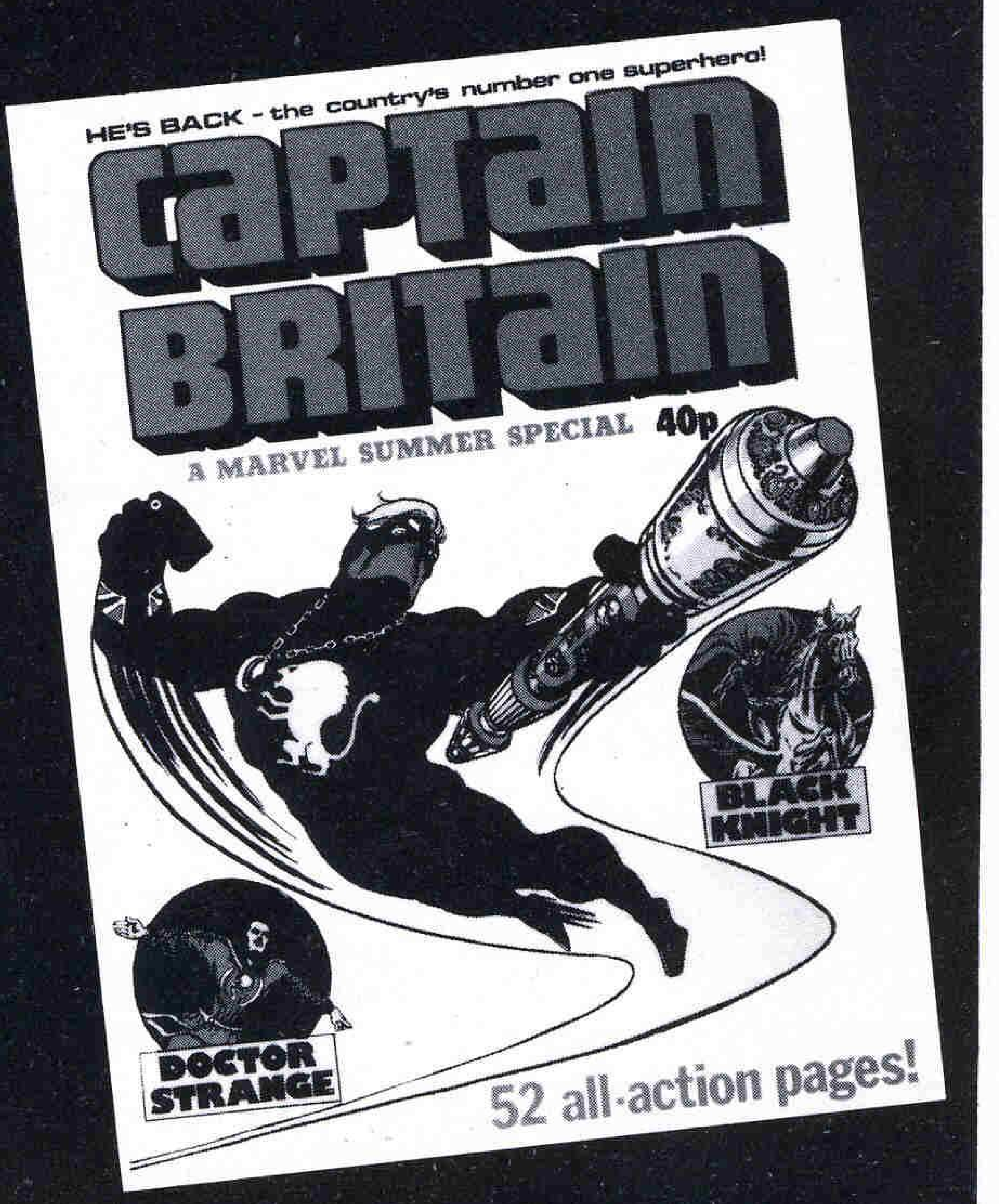

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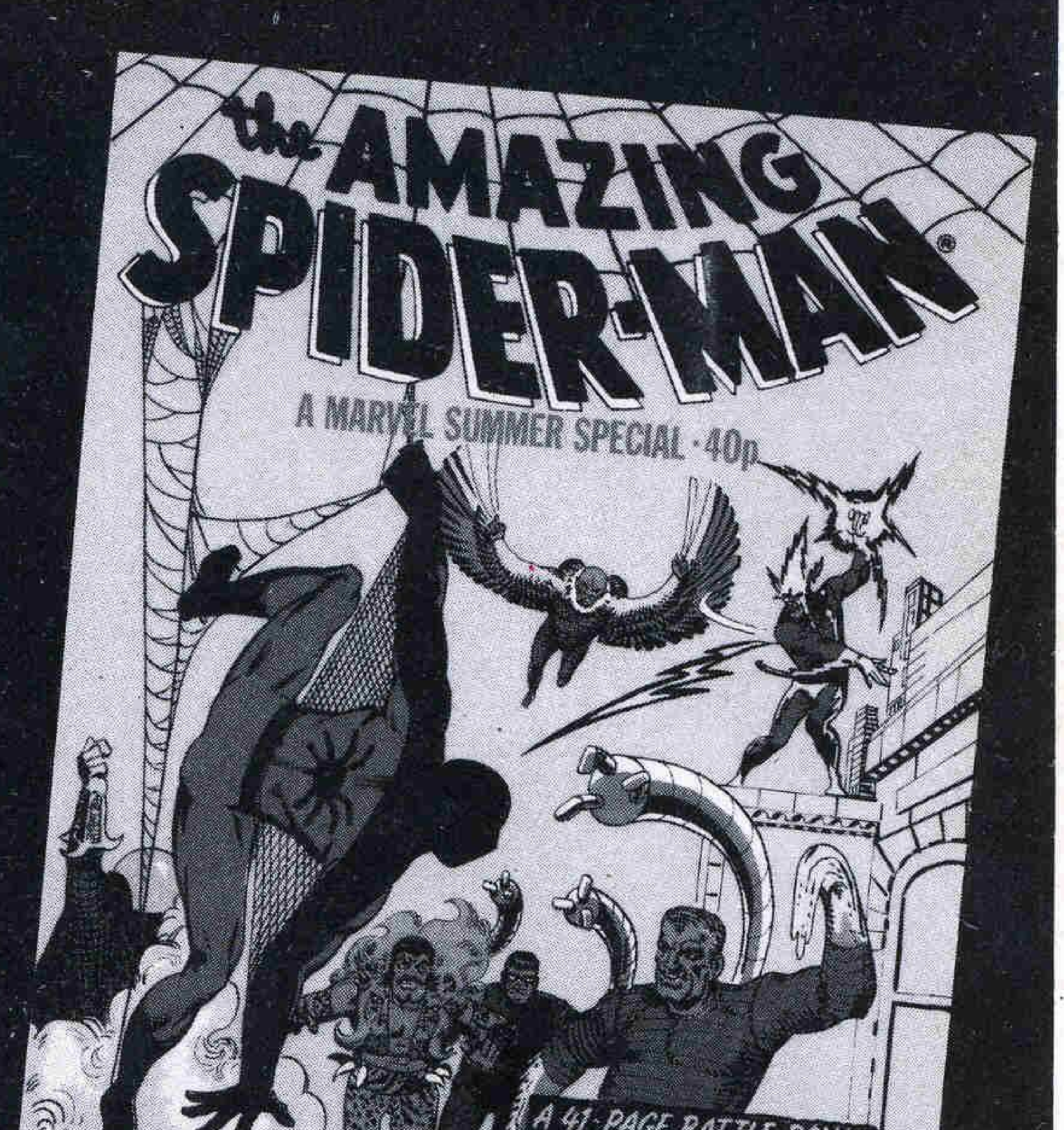
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